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INTRODUCTION

THE Diary and Letter Book of the Rev. Thomas Brockbank (or Brookbank) is contained in a large foolscap book of 558 pages of manuscript, with 4 pages of Index. The book measures $11\frac{3}{4} \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ inches, and is half-bound in old brown morocco, with mottled paper covers to the sides. It would seem to have remained for some period unbound—if one may judge by the rubbed and worn condition of the pages at the beginning and end. I think the present cover is a rebinding, for the lower margins in some cases have been cut away. The paper is rough, and not of very good quality, and has suffered severely through damp and rough usage. The writing is neat and close, and is not altogether easy to decipher; there are several little peculiarities, e.g.: (like a colon) for i, and $\overline{go}$ for ergo (= therefore).

The manuscript was for many years in the muniment room at Clayton Hall, and more recently was for some time in the Estate Office at Great Harwood.

In "A History of Clayton-le-Moors" (*Chet. Soc.*, vol. 85, N.S., pp. 107-113) I have given some account of the Brockbank family, and their property at Sparth. It will be sufficient here, for the present purpose, to note that the writer of this "Diary and Letter Book," the Rev. Thomas Brockbank, was the son of the Rev. John Brockbank, some time Curate of Ingleton, Co. York, and later Vicar of Beetham, and later again, of Witherslack, in Westmoreland. Thomas Brockbank's mother was Mary, daughter of Thomas Willan of Casterton, near Kirkby Lonsdale. Thomas was born in 1671—the first date in the Diary—and after education under his father, and at Kendal School, matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford, 24 October, 1687. He became B.A. in

1692, and M.A. (from St. Mary's Hall, whither he had removed from Queen's) in 1694. In 1695 he contemplated taking Holy Orders, but saw no hope of doing so at Oxford. In July of that year he went home after eight years at the University, and in May, 1696, he was arranging with Bishop Stratford (of Chester) for ordination, and was ordained Deacon on 7 June. He was ordained Priest 30 May, 1697, and was appointed Minister of Colton (in Furness). In January, 1699, having resigned Colton, he became Curate to the Rev. Henry Richmond at Kirkland, in which township lies the old Parish Church (St. Helen's) of Garstang. He became Curate at Sefton in February, 1702, the Rector being Richard, brother of the above-mentioned Henry Richmond. During his stay at Garstang he got engaged to be married to Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Whittingham, of Westfield, in Claughton, and after a good deal of visitation on his part, he married her at Broughton, near Preston, on 7 October, 1703; but as they had no home to go to, they did not start to live together till April, 1704. In 1706 he was appointed Vicar of Cartmel, and spent the rest of his life there. The Diary finishes 26 December, 1709. In 1713 his wife's uncle, Richard Turnley of Sparth, in Clayton-le-Moors, gave him that estate, and by will in the same year left him two farms in Bashall, Co. York. On the diarist's death in 1732, Sparth passed to his eldest son John (1704-47), some time Fellow of Brasenose, and Vicar of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. This John was followed by his eldest son, also John, who died 20 June, 1806, aged 62, and was buried at Altham (M.I. in floor of vestry). He had married Ellen Townsend of Clayton-le-Moors (settlement dated 22 Dec., 1785), who died 17 March, 1806. The Sparth estate then passed to his cousin Charles, son of Thomas Brockbank (*d.* before 1788), stationer, of St Andrew's, Holborn: which Thomas was youngest son of our diarist. Charles Brockbank died 19 December, 1808, aged 41, and was buried at Altham (M.I. in floor of vestry). He left the Sparth Estate to James Lomax, of Clayton (1803-86), which bequest accounts for the coming of the Diary to Clayton Hall.

It is hardly to be expected that any striking incidents or extraordinary occurrences will be found in the following pages, but they are undoubtedly an interesting series of scenes of clerical life and character in Lancashire and Westmoreland at this period. What gives its chief interest to the Diary is the number of eccles-

iastics, churches, places and persons of all grades of life, who figure in its pages.

As regards the clergy, the outstanding features are the prevalence of non-residence and plurality on the part of the superior ecclesiastics ; but in no small degree this is counterbalanced by the earnest and hardworking, but hidden, lives of many (if not most) of the local ministers.

Life at a University in the closing days of the seventeenth century was not without its thrills—*e.g.* the roasting of the diarist's legs on Christmas night in the College Hall, his bad attack of small-pox, his quarrel with his tutor, Bowness, etc. A letter of June, 1695, is interesting as showing the cost of a University education at this epoch. The diarist's total expenses from 1687 to 1695 were £278—an average of just over £33 a year for nearly eight years, the yearly amounts varying from £40 in 1687-88 to £19 in 1690-91.

There are more references to public events than might have been expected, *e.g.* King James II. taking away the University's Charter (Oct., 1688) ; his reported abdication, and the arrival at Torbay of the fleet of the Prince of Orange (Nov., 1688) ; fears of the Irish (Dec., 1688) ; Mr. Smith of Kirkham is noted as the only local clerical Non-juror (June, 1690) ; the death of Queen Mary (Jan., 1694) ; Parliament's proceedings against Popish Priests (March, 1699/1700) ; war likely with France on account of the King of France proclaiming the Prince of Wales as King of England (March, 1701/1702), and the consequent great concern of the Papists ; the Duke of Ormond's destruction of the French and Spanish ships, and Admiral Benbow's destruction of the French plantations in the Leeward Islands (Nov., 1702).

There are a few references to Quakers and Presbyterians, and Mr. Brockbank does not seem to approve of either. The references to Papists are rather more numerous, and of these perhaps the most interesting is the story of Bishop Leyburn visiting his relations at Witherslack, and confirming eighty persons there—for very little is known of the Bishop's movements. Mr. Brockbank, senior, appears to have been on friendly terms with the Catholic Leyburns at Witherslack, and with their relations the Withams. Later his son (the diarist) expresses his dismay at the number of Papists near Sefton, and at the influence of the numerous Catholic landowners in that neighbourhood. He would, however, seem to

have had some slight Jacobite inclinations, for (Nov., 1701) he refers to the son of James II. as Prince of Wales, and not as Pretender.

Brockbank was a prolific versifier, but the specimens of his Muse which he has preserved with so much care and pride are of poor quality. He seems to have been a fluent if not altogether a discreet preacher, witness his farewell discourse when about to leave Garstang; and he was certainly fluent and to the point in writing letters of religious advice. But his chief characteristic (and I know not why he should be blamed for it) appears to have been his determination to get on: he had an eye on every vacant chapel or parish, on every chance of preferment. His determination for advancement is shown in his insistence with the Bishop and others in the matter of poor Mr. Proddy's unhappy bodily and mental condition; in his strenuous efforts to have Proddy put out, and himself constituted his successor at Cartmel; and as a means to getting a Cure, in his adulation of patrons and potentates, such as the Doddings, the Braddylls, the Lowthers, and above all the great "Madame Preston" of Holker. He was, also, certainly keen after money, as is shown in his efforts to induce Mr. Turnley to pay a large portion with his niece Elizabeth Whittingham (the diarist's future wife), and his reluctance to proceed with the projected marriage with her unless a larger fortune was promised, which reluctance was only overcome by her sending him an ultimatum, demanding that the marriage should be definitely declared "off" or "on."

As regards the spelling of the diarist's name, I have here adopted its earliest form Brockbank, though in the Diary and Letters it appears as Brookbank, Brookebank, etc., with numerous variations. Later generations generally spelt it Brookbank.

The MS. has been copied exactly as it is in the original, with two exceptions, viz. (i) the punctuation, and (ii) the addresses, superscriptions and endings of letters. As regards (i) I have added a few commas for the sake of clearness; as regards (ii) the addresses, superscriptions, and endings of the letters have been curtailed and compressed, and instead of being in five or six lines with long directions to the postal officials, such as "Turn at Stone," "By Warrington Bag," etc., they have, where possible, been arranged continuously. Some such course seems inevitable, having in view the importance of economizing space.

In an Appendix are some valuable notes on some of the clergy and others which have been supplied by Mr. E. Axon, but these, unfortunately, did not reach me in time for insertion in their appropriate places. The persons who are annotated by Mr. Axon have been marked in the text with a star.

The Appendix is followed by pedigrees of some of the families mentioned in the Diary, viz. (i) Brockbank; (ii) Turnley, Whittingham, and Chippendale; (iii) Leyburn and Witham; (iv) Toulson of Stakes.

In conclusion, it is a pleasure to acknowledge the help I have received from Mr. Axon, Mr. Henry Hornyold of Sizergh, Colonel Parker, Canon Wallis of Whalley, Mr. W. S. Weeks, F.S.A., of Clitheroe, and Mr. Whitaker, the Vicar of Altham, as well as from Mr. McKechnie.

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LETTER BOOK AND AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE REV. THOMAS BROCKBANK, VICAR OF CARTMEL, 1671-1709.

I was born y^e tenth day of April 1671, about noon ; And baptis'd by my Father¹ in y^e Parish Church of Bethom : ² my God-fathers were Mr Tho: Lodge * y^e yⁿ Schole-master of Heversham,³ and Tho: Saul of Arnshead,⁴ my Godmother, my Aunt Mabell Garnet, my mother's older sister. My Father was married wⁿ curate of Ingleton,⁵ and there my brother John was born, but from thence he remov'd to Hale ⁶ (y^e place of my Nativity) near Bethom, whereof he was Vicar : But trouble coming upon him there he was mindfull to leave y^t place, w^{ch} he did soon after I was born : for being invited by y^e trustees of the new Church at Witherslack ⁷ to serve y^t cure he willingly accepted of it, and was admitted by y^e Bishop himself after the consecration. At this place I spent y^e greatest part of my younger years ; I pass'd through a very sickly and Dangerous childhood, for my first seaven years, in y^e house where John Barwick D.D.⁸ and D. of St Pauls London and his Brother Peter Barwick M.D.⁹ in ordinary to K. Charles y^e 2^d &c

¹ His father, John Brockbank, appears to be identical with the J. B. recorded in Venn's *Alumni Cantabrigienses* as "Sizar at St. John's, 23 May, 1659; son of John B. of Hazelrigg near Cartmel; born 3, bapt. 26 Jan. 1620-1: vicar of Betham, 1664-1683." There is some difficulty about the latter dates. He married, apparently about 1667 or 8, Mary, dau. of Thomas Willan of Casterton, and died in or about 1712. The Par. Reg. of Witherslack states that "John Brockbank was minister from 1671 to 1712: previously he had been incumbent of Ingleton from 1667."

² Bethom, or rather Beetham, is a parish, etc., in Westmoreland, near Milnthorpe.

³ A parish, etc., in Westmoreland, about 7 miles S.W. of Kendal.

⁴ Now Arnside, a village in Westmoreland, 5 miles N. of Carnforth.

⁵ A village in W.R. Yorks, between Settle and Kirkby Lonsdale.

⁶ A village about a mile S. of Beetham.

⁷ A parish, etc., in Westmoreland, 7 miles S.W. of Kendal. The new church at Witherslack (founded by Dr. John Barwick) was consecrated 22 June, 1671, by John Wilkins, Bishop of Chester.

⁸ Born at Witherslack, 1613; ed. at Sedbergh and St. John's Coll. Cambridge; a zealous supporter of Charles I.; Dean of Durham, 1660; Dean of St. Paul's, 1661; d. 1664. See *D.N.B.*

⁹ Born 1619; ed. at Sedbergh and St. John's: a zealous supporter of Charles I.; d. 1705. See *D.N.B.*

were born. (The first of these at his death bequeath'd a great part of his wealth to endow a Parochial Chappel, w^{ch} is it my father now sarves.) But y^t estate being sould, my Father was forc'd to remove to y^e schole house, where under his ferula, I attain'd to some knowledge of y^e common classick Authors. When I was about 15 years of age Mr James Sympson Mercer, Alderman, who had 3 times been Mayor of Kendall wo'd have had me to have been his Apprentice, but y^e bent of my Inclinations being for learning I declin'd y^t. And soon after was enter'd in Kendall schoole, and boarded at my cosin Christopher Robinsons house w^{ch} was near y^e Stone well by Newbigging. Here I receiv'd y^e following Letter from my brother (w^{ch} was y^e first and last from him) in these or y^e like words.

Lo: Brother. After my love and Kind respects to You presented, hoping y^s will find You in as good health, as we are at this present. These few lines come to let You understand y^t my Father received y^r Letter, and is very glad for y^r well being. Leybourn¹ came to Witherslack hall² on Saturday last, and there was a great concourse of people, above 80 confirm'd went to visit him afterwards and on Monday after Bishop ca house while. On Tuesday after Dinner, he began his Journey frō Witherslack. My Father and Mother desire to be remembered to all y^r Family. This is all in hast from Y^r ever loving brother—John Brockbank, Witherslack, September y^e 2nd 1687.

¹ Bishop John Leyburn was 4th son of John Leyburn of Cunswick in the Par. of Kendal, and was born about 1620. He was educated at the English College, Douay, and was President of it 1670-76. He was appointed Vicar-Apostolic of England in Aug. 1685, and was consecrated Bishop (of Adrumetum) in the following September. In 1688, on the division of England into four Vicariates, he was appointed V.A. of the London District. On the Revolution he was committed to the Tower, and kept there 2 years. He died in June, 1702. See *D.N.B.* and Gillow's *Dictionary of English Catholics*.

² Witherslack Hall had been acquired by John Leyburn of Cunswick in the Par. of Kendal, during the Great Rebellion, from the Earl of Derby. This John L. (*d.* 1663) was father of the Bishop, and was succeeded by his elder son Thomas (*d.* 1672). Thomas was succeeded by his son John, who, dying about 1679, was succeeded by his sister Catherine, who in 1691 married Marmaduke Witham, M.D., of Preston Hall, Co. Durham, a younger son of George Witham of Cliffe, co. York, by Grace his wife, dau. of Sir Marmaduke Wyville of Constable Burton. On Catherine's death (before 1700) the property went to her son John Leyburn Witham, who *d.s.p.* about 1740. Owing to some defect in the Leyburn's title the property was claimed by the 11th Earl of Derby from John L. Witham, and after years of litigation the Earl recovered it about 1759 from William, son of the above-mentioned Marmaduke Witham, by his second wife (*mar.* 1701), Catherine, dau. of Sir William Tancred of Brampton. Marmaduke Witham *d.* in 1715; his widow in 1750. Their son William (*b.* 1702, *d.* 1777) married Dorothy, dau. of Jordan Sturdy of Helperby, co. York, and left four daughters, of whom Margaret was married to Francis Trappes of Nidd, co. York, great-great-grandfather of the editor. (Witham and Leyburn Papers in my possession: *History of Westmoreland*, by Nicolson and Burn.)

After nine weeks stay here I began my journey towards Oxon, in company of Jo. Jefferson,¹ Tho' Pearson² & Phil. Robson³ my class fellows, and one Tho: Grisdale.⁴ My Father provided me a little mare w^{ch} tir'd y^e 2^d day, and I exchang'd her for a good strong horse which perform'd very well. Our journey was wet, but being well fraught we liv'd well, and arriv'd at Oxon y^e 18. of October: my fellows were enter'd y^e same night in Queens Coll: but I by misfortune not til next morning, w^{ch} was of great disadvantage to me. I was recommended to M^r Tunstall⁵ by my Friend M^r Ja: Sympson, and M^r Tunstall committed me to M^r Edward Bowness,⁶ who was then Tabbiter.⁷ By y^e Carrier I let my Father know of my safe Arrivall, and writt to my friend M^r Symson, and gave him thanks for his Kindness; w^{ch} was well taken: At y^e same time I writ likewise to my grandfather,⁸ Rowland Tatham, and Christopher Robinson. On y^e 24 of October I was matriculated into y^e University. Gilbert Ironside⁹ D.D. yⁿ Warden of Wadham Col: (Now B^p of Hereford 1691) being vice-chancellour, and Wase¹⁰ y^t put out y^e Dictionary was 1 of y^e Beadles. About y^e latter end of November I receiv'd y^e following letter by y^e Post.

Dear and loving son, My advice to you in y^e first place is to fear God and keep his commandments, and to Keep Y^r conscience void of offence both towards God and man. Live soberly towards y^r self, justly towards Y^r Neighbour, and Godly towards God; allways expecting death or y^e coming

¹ John Jefferson, son of John J. of Kendal; matric. Queen's Coll. 24 Oct. 1687, aged 18; B.A. 1692; perhaps 70 years Vicar of Cockermouth; *d.* 1768 (Foster).

² Thomas Pearson, son of John P. of Orton, Cumberland; matric. Queen's Coll. 24 Oct. 1687, aged 18; B.A. 1692; M.A. 12 Mar. 1695-96; Principal of St. Edmund Hall, 1707-22; Rector of Nether Denton, Cumberland, 1703, and of Sulhampstead Abbots, Berks, 1708 (Foster).

³ Philip Robson, son of James R. of Carlisle; matric. Queen's Coll. 24 Oct. 1687, aged 17; B.A. 1691; M.A. 1694 (Foster).

⁴ Thomas Grisedall, son of Thomas G. of Matterdale, Cumberland; matric. Queen's Coll. 24 Nov. 1687, aged 15 (Foster).

⁵ Anton Tonstall, son of Nicholas T. of Selshyde, Cumberland; matric. Queen's Coll. 1672, aged 17; B.A. 1677; Fellow and M.A. 1680; Canon of Exeter, 1686; Rector of Cheriton Bishop, Devon, 1687 (Foster).

⁶ Edward Bownes (or Bownas) was son of William B. of Bolton, Westmoreland; matric. Queen's Coll. 10 Feb. 1681-82, aged 20; B.A. 1686; M.A. 1689-90; will proved at Oxford 25 Sept. 1697 as Bowness (Foster).

⁷ *I.e.* a Tabarder, a scholar belonging to the foundation of Queen's Coll. Oxford, whose original dress was a Tabard.

⁸ His (maternal) grandfather was Thomas Willan of Casterton, Westmoreland.

⁹ Gilbert Ironside, son of Gilbert Ironside, Bishop of Bristol, was born 1632; matriculated at Wadham Coll. 1650; Fellow 1656; Warden 1667; Vice-Chancellor 1687-89; consecrated Bp. of Bristol, Oct. 1689; translated to Hereford, 1691; *d.* 1701. See *D.N.B.*

¹⁰ Christopher Wase (1625 ?-90), educated at Eton; Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, 1648; Headmaster of Tonbridge school, 1662-68; esquire bedell of law and supervisor of the University Press, Oxford, 1671-90; published an English-Latin and Latin-English Dictionary, 1661. (*D.N.B.*)

of our Lord Jesus Christ, y^t you may be in a fit condition to leave y^e world and to rest wth Christ in Glory &c. Secondly have a care of y^r bodily health y^t it be not wrong'd either thrō want of meat, drink, cloaths, Physic, or any other thing convenient thereunto, or over-charged wth too much study, for y^a it cannot be serviceable either to y^r self or others. Take care y^t You want nothing . . . [illegible] . . . fiteable to y^r . . . [illegible] . . . fear not but y^t I . . . [illegible] . . . assisting. Put on two pair of stockings to keep you from cold, for fewell with you is dear. Cloathes you shall not want, Y^r mother is providing stockings for you. Studie not too much : You found none of Y^r Age in y^e Schole of Kendall y^t did excell You in learning, and thō you find many with You, y^t does excell You, do not regard it : If God be pleas'd to preserve You in life & health doubt not but learning will come in time ; for non fuit in primo condita Roma die. Suppose a man had as much learning and as great parts as our late Bishop of Chester,¹ and yet want either health of Body, or soundness of mind, w^t wo'd either learning or parts signifie ? Therefore take recreation w^a occasion serves, y^t y^r body may be better able to endure study. Nam animus seriis negotiis fatigatus relaxandus est honestis ac moderatis voluptatibus, ut redintegratis viribus ad ferendos labores sufficiat ; nam quod caret alternâ requie durabile non est. Interpone etc. You now want Y^r Mother to drive You from Y^r book, gō be a mother to Y^r self. i. be moderate. If You think Y^r money will be spent before y^e return of y^e Carrier, let me know and I will supply Y^r want. God willing I intend to send you all you write for in y^r welcom letter : Y^r Grandfather, y^r cosin Rowland, and Christopher Robinson have received their Letters. Take heed of letting blood if y^r disease be y^e Small Pox, for it is dangerous. The Small Pox and feaver are very rife here in y^e country, and many die both Young and old. Let me hear from You as oft as You can. Now son I commend You to God, and to y^e word of his Grace w^{ch} is able to build You up, and to give You an inheritance among y^m w^{ch} are sanctified. Thus wth Y^r mothers, and my daily prayers unto almighty God for You, together with our blessing I rest Y^r affectionate and loving father whilst I am, Jo: Brockbank. Witherslack, Nov^r 25, 1687.

About this time M^r Tunstall sent for me, and after some advice and perswasions to be content under all conditions, he deliver'd me a Letter from M^r Sympson, wherein I first understood of my brothers death upon I writ y^e following consolatory letter to my Father.

Q. Col. Oxon. December 1^o 1687. Sir. As soon as y^e sad newes of my dear brothers departure approached my Ears, my Eyes co'd not refrain from to y^e generall sorrow that so great a loss must needs occasion. Nevertheless I sooner calm'd my own y^t I might be y^e better able to administer some comfort to You, whom I cannot expect but this Letter will find overwhelm'd in a Deluge of Tears ; nay, it wo'd be uncharitable in me to judge otherwise considering such a dutiful and obedient son he was, who is now descended into y^e shades of Death, who

¹ The "late" Bishop of Chester was John Pearson (1613-1686), who was consecrated in 1673 ; he is noted for his "Exposition of the Creed." Thomas Cartwright was Bishop of Chester in 1687.

now partakes in bliss, y^e reward, y^t is prepared for such as liv'd like him. Therefore, thō naturall affections are prevalent and forcing, let these happy considerations of his happiness gently and by degrees put a period to Y^r afflictions. For y^t dutifull and blessed soul, is by y^s time mounted far above all miseries, troubles, and cares, y^t it must necessarily have met with in this world. Consider y^e Royall Prophet David, who whilst there were hopes of Recovery, not only mourn'd but us'd All y^e means to preserve his son : But being dead his Princely sorrow ceas'd, as not thinking it fit, like those y^t are wthout hope, to mourn for these that are past Recovery. Dear Parents yⁿ let y^e entreaty of y^r Son who shares by sympathy in Y^r afflictions, prevail wth You to moderate this mighty stream of grief, w^{ch}, wthout doubt, do's now possess You, y^t otherwise by y^e weakning nature cannot but impair Y^r health. Think, were he alive for whom You mourn, y^e sight of those tears wo'd more afflict him, yⁿ all y^e pains he felt. Besides, consider y^t all Mortalls are doom'd to die, and to fade away as y^e flower of y^e field : The consideration of w^{ch} made y^e great Apostle St James affirm y^t our life is but a vapour ; and w^t is y^t but an airy exhalation drawn up by y^e sun, w^{ch} is carried about by y^e winds, til it vanish into nothing ? So man y^t is born of a woman is full of troubles, restles, and uneasie in y^s world, as being only allotted to him for y^e place of his pilgrimage, thrō which he is to travail to his heavenly home. Envy him not then y^t he is soe soon gotten to his journeys end, to w^{ch} if others take a longer way about by running a larger course of years ; Why, then y^e greater are the troubles they meet withall ; more frequent y^e dangers that beset y^m and y^e greater y^e Hazzard. Who wo'd not be at y^e end of a weary journey to be possess'd of . . . less rest ? Wherefore if we rightly consider y^t are left behind arable perils, doom'd perhaps evening of decrepit old age, we ought more to be pitied than he. Cease then to mourn, and let us prepare wth Joyfull hearts to follow him, y^t y^e second meeting may be endles and wthout separation. Consider y^t You by Y^r sorrowes cannot add anything to his fame or happiness, thō thereby You may impair Y^r own health and cast Y^r selves down, wherefore let me entreat You by All y^e dear Endearments of y^r love towards me to lay aside y^r Grievs, and Calm y^e Tempest y^s sad loss has rais'd in Y^r Tender Breasts, and rest assur'd y^t one day You will find in joy him whom You lost in sorrow ; and so leaving these my requests to y^r wise consideration, I remain y^e compartner of y^r grief and sorrow, Y^r dutifull and obedient son T.B.

About y^e middle of December I receiv'd an other letter by y^e Post wherein my Father gave me an account of my brothers death : The beginning whereof was y^e same wth his former ; w^t follow'd was in these or y^e like words.

Dear and loving son, W^t ever God is graciously pleas'd to send, take as patiently and moderately as You can, for God doeth all for y^e best. Y^r dear and loving Brother John was stricken wth sickness on Weddensday y^e 9 of November, and continued so Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and vomitted continually : On Sunday y^e small pox began to appear, on Monday encreas'd, and on Tuesday he was very much troubled wth cough

and Flegm, so y^t he co'd not rest, thô we used all means we co'd for his good. In y^e extremity of his pains, he remembred You, and pray'd earnestly to God for You, saying I pray God bless my Brother Thomas, and thô I be taken away, I wish y^t he may prosper in y^e World. On Thursday morning we thought he had been somew^t better, but towards even he grew worse, so y^t night he was like to die, and we call'd in Neighbour, about w^{ch} time he express'd himself wth most sweet and heavenly expressions y^t ever I heard come from dying Man : He frely forgave all, desiring God to forgive him for and desired earnestly to leave this world, and to go to and pray'd often saying, come Lord Jesus, come qui[ckly] . . . separate my soul and my body. We conjecture a feaver came on after y^e pox, whereof he was extream full of those call'd the white hives. Wⁿ his extremity was over, he said, I fear I shall not go now, but endure more pain, but I will wait wth patience for my appointed time, until my change come. He pray'd earnestly for faith and patience, y^t he might manfully endure w^t soever God was pleas'd to lay upon him, and wⁿ he had tasted a little wine in a spoon he said God grant y^t I may drink it where Christ said he wo'd drink it new. He took his Mother about y^e neck wth his pocky arm, and Kist her wth his scabbed lips, saying I pray God send us merry meeting in y^e Kingdom of Heaven, where we shall be for Ever More. Wⁿ at any time I was telling him w^t an estate I had purchas'd for him, w^{ch} I intended for him if it had been y^e mind and will of God : Oh, said he, I labour for an Everlasting inheritance w^{ch} never shall have an End. On Friday he grew weaker in body but stronger in faith, he pray'd faithfully for a crown of glory, and patiently endur'd w^t God was pleas'd to lay upon him, and desir'd me to pray for him, w^{ch} I often did, both secretly and publicly. A little before midnight on y^e said Friday, wⁿ he and [sic] had long pray'd, and pangs of death came upon him, he being past speaking I continued praying secretly for him, because I wo'd not trouble him : After I had often committed him to God, I fortun'd to lay my head on y^e bed (for we were all overcome for want of sleep) and sleep came upon me, and I evidently saw in a dream, a crown of Gold, more bright than any material Gould, w^{ch} was a great comfort to me : Presently after he departed to his everlasting rest. By y^e goodness of God he made y^e most sweet and comfortable end of any dying person y^t ever I took notice of. Therefore I am fully perswaded y^t he remains in Glory. Let us give all care and diligence to make our calling and Election sure y^t wⁿ death comes we may be willing to leave y^e miserable world and to go to blis. We buried him on Sunday y^e 20th of November : He came into this world on Sunday, and he went out of it on Sunday. Thus I have writ a brief narrative of thy dear Brothers sharp end and bitter sickness, and his sweet and comfortable end. As he was beloved of all y^t Knew [him] so he is lamented of all. But, alas ! his dear Mother is ye Chief mourner. But I hope y^t God will give us comfort in stead of sorrow, joy and gladness instead of grief and misery ; and I pray God to give us all patience, contentment and moderation in this time of our Tryall, y^t we may wait wth patience til God be pleas'd to come in wth comfort. We have many sympathising Friends who come to condole our loss ; if we sho'd account y^t lost w^{ch} God hath, and w^{ch} he did but lend us for a time : Therefore, dear Son, comfort Y^r Self in God, and Say wth David, why art thou cast down O my

Soul ? and why art thou disquieted within me ? hope thou in God for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. But of all sympathising Friends and Letters, y^t we enjoy in y^s our time of Sorrow, none has wrought on me like y^r well penned Letter. Y^r Grandfather was well pleas'd wth y^e Letter You sent him, and so were y^e rest to whom You writt. I writ to You on y^e 25th of November, and by my Fathers advice, directed my Letter to M^r Edw. Speight living wth M^r Adam Cook at y^e Castle Tavern in Pater Noster Row London ; but I did not mention y^e death of Y^r dear brother in y^t Letter, for fear of discouraging You being but a stranger in y^e Colledge. I purpose (God willing) to send You by Tho: Burnyeates those things You write for, if in y^e mean time I hear nothing from You to y^e contrary. You See how God is graciously pleas'd to deal wth us. My design, and aim and purpose was y^t y^r dear brother sho'd enjoy Langthwaite : but Mans thoughts are vain, and he is y^e wise Disposer of all things : If it please God y^t You live it is like to be Yours, therefore after some certain time I desire y^t You wo'd wean y^r mind from y^e College, and come to comfort us in y^e Country and (by Gods blessing) to partake of those things God has been graciously pleas'd to bestow upon us. Wⁿ You write again, bend y^e matter of y^r letter towards Y^r mothers comfort. But blessed be Almighty God, we are well in health, and let us fit and prepare our selves to go to our deceased, loving and obedient son, for he will not return to us. Our Neighbours are sickly, some in y^e small Pox as Ann Burrow, little Judeth Sympson, our Isabel, and severall more, and other sicknesses are amongst us ; I pray God to sanctifie them, to us and y^m. Dear Son, to conclude, Y^r Brother's in Glory free from all pain, enjoys all good, let us bless y^e name [of God] for it, and love to walk as he walked, y^t in Gods good time we may enjoy his sweet company again. And I commit You to y^e gracious and mercifull protection of Almighty God, who hath promis'd never to leave, nor forsak y^m that trust in him, with my blessing, and daily, nay hourly, prayers unto God for You I rest Your dear and loving Father til Death Jo: Brockbank. Witherslack December 10, 1687. M^r Ridley * preached Y^r Dear Brothers funerall Sermon. Y^r Letter dated y^e 1st of December was wth me on y^e 7th of y^e Same, w^{ch} gave me And Y^r dear mother more satisfaction yⁿ any other we received.

On y^e 22^d of December I writ again to my father, and likewise to my Mother, y^e subject whereof was patience, and resignation, to y^e will of God : I have lost y^e copies. About y^e Beginning of February M^r William Knipe of Broughton, came to Oxon And Sent me y^e following Letter from my Father.

Dear and loving Son, I having a fit opportunity, by reason of M^r Knipe's coming to Oxford wth his daughter thought good to write to You. Yours of y^e 22^d of 10^r I had on new yeares day. You may some time find an opportunity to write wth M^r Knipes Daughter if she do live near Y^r College, she is come to live wth her grandmother who lives in Oxon. It is M^r William Knipe of Broughton in Cartmel. You may do as well as You can til Burnyeats come : And yⁿ I hope to supply y^r wants (God willing). The small pox are very rife yet amongst us ; Little Ja: Hartly, little Fanny Bowes, and Little Tho: Taylor are dead of y^m and y^s day is long

James Garnet of Lyth buried of y^m. Here are very few Families free : I pray God make us thankful and sanctifie y^m to us, y^t we may learn y^t by his rod w^{ch} we wo'd not by his word. I pray in all y^r studies, studie to Know God and his Son Jesus Christ. And next have a care of y^e health of y^r Body, for learning w^{thout} y^t and soundness of mind is little worth. I pray write how you are in health, and whether y^e cough has left You or no ? Commend me to y^r good & carefull Tutor. We are all well in health, blessed be Almighty God for it, but have a great want of our Sons. Y^r Mother is much out of heart by reason of y^e want of both her Sons, I pray God be her comfort. Both M^r Stevensons daughters of Dodding Green¹ are dead of y^e small pox. John Bowes, at present, is in y^m, but like to get well past, as very many do by y^e goodness of God. You pleas'd M^r Sympson well wth y^r 1st Letter, as I will let you Know in my next. Thus (wth y^r Kind Mothers blessing and mine, with our daily prayers for You) I committ You to y^e gracious protection of God and rest, Your Loving Father Jo: Brockbanke. Witherslack, Jan. 24, 1687.

And now y^e hardest part of winter is over wth me, but some of its effects do still remain. 'Tis a custom at Queens for y^e Seniors to turn y^e Juniors about a great Charcoal fire, and I was so roasted here y^t one of my leggs (w^{ch} before I came up to Oxon had a small hurt on) was sore for a long time. I lay under a surgeons hand for $\frac{1}{4}$ of a year, who indeed cur'd me effectually at last : He was surgeon to a troop of horse. His name was Dean. The next letter I receiv'd was by y^e Carrier y^e beginning of Lent, and was in y^e following words.

Dear and loving son, You have well pleas'd y^r Grandfather wth Y^r letter and likewise M^r Sympson, for wⁿ he receiv'd y^r letter he cryed out wth an Ecphonesis saying were there not 10 cleans'd, but where are y^e 9 ?

¹ Dodding Green is about 4 miles N.E. of Kendal, and is the site of an ancient Catholic Chapel and Mission. This was founded, and endowed with a considerable property in land, by the will of Robert Stephenson in 1714 or 1715. The Trusteeship was vested in a Mr. Thornborough, and passed by the marriage of his daughter to the Riddell family of Cheesburn Grange, Northumberland, who managed the property and appointed the Priests. In 1812 the house and property were seized by the Right Rev. William Gibson, Vicar Apostolic of the Northern District, who refused to allow a priest to be appointed, and employed the rents at his pleasure. His successor in the Vicariate (R. R. Thomas Smith) did the same, and during 23 years the Mission was kept vacant and the revenues applied to the uses of the Vicar Apostolic. About 1835, however, the Rev. Mr. Rutter was appointed by Mr. Riddell, with the consent of Bishop Penswick, then V.A. On Mr. Rutter's death in 1838 Mr. Riddell asserted his position as trustee and took possession, and in 1839 appointed Mr. Charles Brigham to the Mission. In 1840 the V.A. (Bishop Mostyn) claimed the premises, and in 1841 interdicted Mr. Brigham from saying Mass in his district and from then till 1858 there were no public services at Dodding Green. Litigation and a warfare of Pamphlets followed, but in the end, about 1862, through the intervention of the Charity Commissioners, a composition was arrived at. The history of the Mission is still unhappy, for, though there have been priests there more or less regularly from about 1862, Dodding Green was without a resident priest from February, 1925, to February, 1928. The foregoing facts are taken from Pamphlets on the case, in my possession.

none but a stranger, a poor country boy (for w^m I have done nothing) found to return thanks. He din'd y^e rest on y^e sunday before y^e left y^e Toun; and w^m Jefferson at his leisure wrote to him, and he saw who it was, he wo'd not read it; but cast it over y^e shop board as Rob^t Cowhird related. I have sent You Gouldmans Dictionary, Homer wth y^e Clavis, Hesiod, Ovid Met. Juvenal, Greek Grammar, Latin Gr. Ralinsons Heb. Gram. Clerks Formulae, Horraces, 2 Oratory books, y^e old paper book Dugards Rhet. Burgersedicius Log. & Eth. Epitome Naturalis Philosophiae. And y^r own paper book. Y^r Dear mother hath sent You 2 pair of linnen sheets, 2 towells, one Blankett, one pair of Leathern drawers, 2 pair of stockins, one pair of wild leather gloves. I have sent You 10^s by y^e carrier Tho: Burnyeats, and p^d him for y^e Carriage of it. Desire y^r Tutor to go wth You to receive it, and let him be paid out of it w^t is his due for his paines & care over You. I suppose it to be 10^s y^e Quarter, and he shall have an advantage (God willing) if I live. I have sent your little manuscript book, and Virgil y^e Queen of Latin Poets. Take care you studie not over much; let us Know how you like and w^t You want, and whether y^r cough be ceas'd or not. make y^r self a vest, get shoes and other things necessary. Y^r Aunt Margaret sent you 2^s 6^d and Thomas Pow 1^s 6^d. Dear Son beware of evil company, and do not lend money or other things to them You Know not, for You will find it hard to get again. Desire God daily to teach You to number Y^r days, so y^t You may apply Y^r heart unto wisdom, y^t You may pass thrô things temporal so y^t you may enjoy things eternall in Heaven, among y^e Blessed Saints & Angels &c. All y^r friendes desire to be remembered to You, but especially Y^r Uncle Lawrence Harrison, who wo'd have sent you a token but we thought an other time more fit. I writ to You by M^r William Knipe of Broughton. Thus (with our daily prayers unto God for You and our blessing) I commit you to y^e gracious protection of Allmighty God, who never leaves nor forsakes y^m y^t trust in him, and rest y^r Dear father John Brockbank. Witherslack Feb. 24. 1687.

W^t my answers were to this letter I Know not, for I have lost all or most of my foul copies: y^e next I receiv'd was this.

Dear and loving Son, I had y^r comfortable Letter by Thomas Burnyeats, and also y^r Tutors with a book concerning Mary Magdalen Coll. likewise Y^r grandfather had a Letter from You to his great content and Spoke wth y^e said Thomas in Kirby, and laid an obligatiō on him to lodge wth him y^e next time either going or comeing. Newes we have none worth writing only M^r Rowl. Briggs and M^r Lanc. Ford have got each a wife out of Cumberland. Myles Walker is y^e head scholer in Kendall Schole, he Knowes not whether M^r Warwick will come to y^e University or no. James heartly is building a famous out house. I will provide and send w^t You want by y^e Carrier, who intends to be in Kendall on Midsummer eve next. Ned. Rigg has buried his 2^d wife. Margaret Walker is married. I wanted in y^r last letter an answer to my verses, w^{ch} I desire You to return in y^r next the verses began thus—*Invenies solidos currentis 5 monetæ in pectinarioque libelli quos tibi misi chartam quid recipis rescribito nunc*

mihi Patri.¹ Y^r Aunt Eline and Your Cousin Ann. Thornburrow, Mary Garnet and Easter Whitehead came lately to see us, and staid three days. We are well,—blessed be God for it, but y^e want of our Sons is such a want as I cannot express. Dear Son, labour so to pass thrô things temporall, y^t you may obtain things Eternall, so to live to Gods glory here, as hereafter to live in his glory to y^r own comfort. Commend me Kindly to y^r Tutor, and tell him I give him many thanks for his care over You, and for his booke and Letter. I receiv'd y^{rs} of y^e 8th Instant May, and purpose (God willing) to send w^t You write for. Here is y^r Dear Brothers buckskin breeches, w^{ch} will last very long, and y. are very Good ones and strait enough. If you be pleas'd to accept of y^m and wear y^m we will send y^m. better of Leather you cannot have. But if You think y^m not convenient, yⁿ write again in time, and we will provide other, but if we hear nothing from you to y^t purpose we will send y^m. They are worth 14 or 16^s. Pray take care of Y^r linnen w^a you put it forth to wash, for fear of changing and altering y^r name. Y^r mother thinks y^r Shirts sho'd not be near worn. I paid 9^s for 34 pounds weight. This is all at present from y^r Lo: Father Jo: Brockbank. With. May 21. 88.

This is y^e Next by y^e Carrier.

Dear and loving son, I had y^r Letter dated y^e ninth of May and presently after sent you an other. I have according to y^r Letter sent y^r Tutor for his pains and care over You, and for y^r own use Six pounds by Tho: Burnyeats, and for y^r Pocket one pound and paid him for y^e Carriage of it. I have also Sent you a very good suit of Cloaths consisting of coat vest & breaches. The coat & breaches are Keasar of 4^s 6^d p Yard, y^e best y^t was in M^r Sympsons shop. The Vest is of Searge. Y^r dear and

¹ These 3 hexameters seem to run thus—

Invenies solidos currentis quinque monetæ

in pectinarioque libelli quos tibi misi

chartam quid recipis rescribito nunc mihi Patri—

and to mean, "You will find 5 shillings of current money and in the clasp (?) of the book (wh. I have sent you) a letter: what ever you receive write now to me your Father."

A relic of John Brockbank survives in my possession, in the shape of a "Lexicon Græco-Latinum in Novum Domini Nostri Testamentum autore Georgio Pasore . . Londini . . . Edw. Griffin . . . Fleetstreet, 1650." It is a book measuring 6½ × 4½ × 2½ inches, and bound in old brown calf contains 719 pages, + 112 pages of index, + an appendix ("Etyma Nominum Propriorum autore Georgio Pasore . . . Londini 1649") of 88 pages. Then come 7 pages of Index to the "Etyma." After that follows "OPŒOTONIA, sive Tractatus de Græcis Novi Testamenti Accentibus . . . autore Georgio Pasore Londini . . . Ed. Griffin 1650";—46 pages.

On the inside of the front cover is written "John Brockbankes booke 5s. 4d.": on the title page "Pret. o. 4s. o," and "John Phillipson." On a blank page at the end of the book facing the cover at the end or back of the book, is a draft of the 3 hexameter verses quoted above.

Geo. Pasor was professor of Greek at Franeker, and died in 1637. His son Matthias (1599-1658), sometime professor of Mathematics at Heidelberg from 1620, came over to England during the wars in the Palatinate, and settling at Oxford, was professor of oriental languages there until 1629. (*Nowveau Dictionnaire Historique* . . . Par L. M. Chaudon et F. A. Delandine . . . 1804.)

loving Mother hath sent You two Shirts, and 2 Large pocket handkerchiefs. She desires to Know who is y^r bed-fellow and if you take care y^t y^r Linnen be not changed. She, as You may see, hath marked y^r Linnen very well. Y^r Mother was lately to see her Father and Mother at Casterton, and in y^e way as she was coming home accidentally mett wth M^r Wilson of y^e Park and parson Fleming. M^r Willson mov'd her to send You a token by his brother Fleming, who shortly was to come to Y^r house, thereupon she sent You by him 5^s. He promis'd to give it you, and allso to befriend You wherein he could. Y^r old schole fellowes Edw. Barwick, James Casson and Richard Burrow have each of y^m sent You a bundle of Quils, and y^r compasses are in y^e midst of y^m. You must remember to return y^m a Letter of Thanks; put it in mine, and I shall seal and deliver it to y^m. Pray send concerning my latin verses w^{ch} began Invenies solidos &c. Edward y^e son of John Strickland lies very weak, and has been so 4 or 5 weeks. We are well blessed be God for it, and are much comforted by hearing of Y^r health and good liking; y^t God wo'd so continue both to You is my hourly prayer. In Y^r breaches pocket we have put some buttons, silk, and pieces of cloath w^{ch} You may use wⁿ need requires. I pray write back how y^r cloaths fit You, and take care y^t y^r Linnen be not changed wⁿ You put y^m forth to wash. Say nothing to M^r Fleming, but stay until he remember to give it You. Thus (with y^r Mother and my blessing and daily prayers to God to Keep and protect You from all sin and wickedness, and to stirr you up to grace and goodness) I rest till death Y^r loving Father, Jo: Brockbank. With. May y^e 23. 88.

At y^e same time I receiv'd this following Letter from my Grand F.

Dear Grandson, Tho you are removed far from me, out of my sight, yet You are continually upon my heart, night & day, and my Prayers follow You, and my hearts desires for y^r present & everlasting well fare. Let me mind You, dear Thomas, of y^e dangerous place You stand in, and look about You wth trembling. Methinks I see many temptations surrounding & beleaguering You as so many Enemies, and therefore You had need stand upon Y^r watch. Dear grandson I beseech You go aside by y^r self, retire from y^e noise of y^e world, and say to y^r self, oh my soul, whither art thou going? do not I Know in my very heart y^t I must be converted or condemned, y^t I must be sanctified or I can never be saved. Therefore I beseech You, and not I but y^e Lord Jesus Christ, y^t You first seek y^e Kingdom of Heaven and y^e righteousness thereof, and all outward blessings will be added to You. Dear Thomas, marvel not y^t I am so earnest with You, It is but my hearty Love & tender bowels of Compassion I have towards You. God Knowes whether ever I shall see Y^r face or no; but wⁿ y^e Lord pleaseth, yet I hope we shall meet in Eternity. You may think I have been unmindfull of You, because You have had no Letter from me, but be assur'd you are continually upon my heart, and shall be daily with me in my Prayers. Y^r Grand Mother & I are both very feeble, scarce able to stir out of doors, we do both heartily remember our most endeared love to You. Allso Y^r Uncle and Aunts desire to be remembered to You. I pray You let us hear from You as oft as possibly You Can w^{ch} will much rejoyce me, and be assur'd I Keep Y^r Letters close by me w^{ch} I have receiv'd from You, and give You many thanks for y^r good remem-

brance of Y^r aged Grandfather. I have sent You 1^s by Tho: Burnyeats as a token of my love, to drink with him. I commend You to God and shall for Ever remain Y^r tender and Loving Grandfather Th: Willan. Casterton¹ May 23. 1688.

The postscript on y^e other side was as followes.

Dear heart, There is one thing more I wo'd mind You off, y^t You wo'd be often writing to y^r Parents to cheer y^m and comfort y^m for they stand in great need of Comfort. They have had a sad tryall, You being remov'd far from y^m and y^r dear brother removed into y^t dark pitt y^e grave where we shall never see him wth these bodily Eyes again, and all in so short a time can not but be sharp as to nature. Indeed it takes much upon Your Parents, you wo'd scarce Know y^r dear Mother if You saw her. I may say to You as old Jacob said of his sons Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and if mischief befall Benjamin You will bring my grey haire wth sorrow to y^e grave. So may I say to You. Y^r Brother is not, and if ought but well sho'd come to You it wo'd be a Means to bring their heads wth sorrow to the grave: therefore our prayers are y^t God wo'd grant You a long and happy life here and everlasting happiness hereafter; That you may glorifie God and be a comfort to y^r Parents and Relations; and I assure You it is their great comfort to hear often from You. I have no more but my Dear Thomas Farewell, Farewell, I rest y^r endeared grandfather Thomas Willan.

After y^e Death of My Grandfather y^s following Letter in answer to his above transcribed was found among his writing and papers.

Queens Col. Oxon. July 27th 1688. Loving Grandfather. If I had as many tongues as y^e Poets feign fame to have, I w'd not express y^e least part of y^s last favour I have received from You: how much I am beholding to You for y^t wise, sage, grave, and comfortable advice You have been pleas'd to honour me withall; for advising me how to pass thro' y^s world y^e vale of Miseries, to y^t heavenly Canaan, y^t New Jerusalem where Misery is a stranger, and Sorrow hath no place; for exhorting me how to retire from y^s world, and to lay up my Treasure there where neither Moths corrupt nor thieves do steal; for y^r passionate desiring me first to seek y^e Kingdom of Heaven and y^e righteousness thereof, and informing me y^t y^s being first sought and obtain'd all other blessings will be added; for y^r hearty desires both for my present and Eternall happiness. Certainly if y^t I sho'd not think myself very much oblig'd, and shew myself more y^a ordinarily thankfull for these supernaturall favours, I sho'd in no wise be worthy of y^m. But I am not only oblig'd to you for these inward, but allso for these many outward favours, You have been pleas'd to bestow upon me, w^{ch} are in number more yⁿ at Present I am able to reckon up; nay more, yⁿ If I sho'd endeavour as much as possible, I w'd ever give an account of: Therefore for y^m all I humbly acknowledge myself very much oblig'd, and next to God & My Parents beholding to You for my being, and for all the mercies of God towards me. It hath pleas'd God to cause me to be born of such Parents, as do not let me want anything, so y^t at present I am in a

¹ A village, etc., about a mile N.E. of Kirkby Lonsdale.

very good condition ; besides my Tutour is very Kind to me w^{ch} is a great Comfort. At present I shall trouble you wth very little more, onely I desire you to present my most dutifull respects to my aged grand Mother to my uncle and Aunts & to all my Cousins in generall, desiring to hear from You as oft as opportunity offers it self, w^{ch} will be no little comfort to me, and thereby you will much oblige and bind closer to Y^rself one y^t is all ready S^r Y^r most dutifull and most obedient grandson Tho: Brockbank. We drank y^r token last Monday night.

This y^t followes came by y^e Post.

Dear and loveing son, I suppose You have not received my letter dated on or about y^e 20th of May, wherein I writ many things about y^e affaires of y^s country, & concerning y^r dear brothers buckskin breaches. After I had Y^{rs} dated y^e 9th of May I writt to you again. Blessed be God we are daily more and more satisfied concerning our Son, who, we verily believe, is in everlasting blis. wth his dear God in w^m he trusted, and wth his sweet Sav^r in w^m he truly believed, so y^t God for his sons sake comforts and relieves us according to our necessity, and gives us patience under our Sufferings, & we hope in Christ will give us a happy issue out of all our afflictions and trialls, and so let us all rest satisfied in y^e mercies of God, thrō ye most precious merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. I wonder y^t Tho: Burnyeats did not tell you who it was y^t sent You y^e shilling, for in my sight he wrote in his note booke first from me to y^r Tutor 6^d to y^r self 1^d from your Uncle Laurence Harrison 1^s. I gave him more 1^s 6^d to drink with You wⁿ You received y^r cloathes and had y^m on. Y^r Uncle being y^t day in Kendall went wth me to Buryeates, and allso Christopher Robinson and spent either 6^d & y^r Uncle sent you 12^d, so if he had looked his book might have told You. Pray let us Know of y^r health and Liking. W^t You have written for we will send God willing. We are well in health blessed be allmighty God for it. Y^r schole fellowes were well pleased wth y^r letter, they happen'd to be all at schole wⁿ y^r packet of Letters came, and you did well in putting y^m so together. For y^e affaires of y^e World, let y^m pass as it pleaseth God Allmighty, only let us love God with all our heart, with all our Soul, wth all our strength & with all our mind, & our neighbours as our selves, and rely confidently upon his protection, who never fails y^m y^t trust in him. Pray let me hear from You before y^e return of y^e Carrier, y^t I may Know w^t to say to him. Y^r Godfather M^r Lodge is very richly married. Mary Cook and her husband was y^e last Sunday to visit us here. James Dawson of Bellert how is married. For better satisfaction whether did Burnyeats mention y^e before mention'd 1^s 6^d, I gave him to drink wth You or no ? I pray remember me to Y^r good Tutor. I gave Betty Robinson her Letter. Thus commending You to God I rest y^r loving father til death. John Brockbank. Witherslack Aug. y^e 14. 88.

This by y^e Carrier.

Dear and loving son, I had y^r Letter dated y^e 23^d of August w^{ch} gave us great content, and blessed be God we are well in health, hoping y^t you are so too, Let us Know how y^r cough deales wth You. I have sent by the

Carrier 3^d to y^r Tutor for his paines & care & your use. You may let me know w^t is due for y^e Tutor quarterly. I have also sent You by y^e said Carrier 40^s in parvâ perâ. And Judeth Dawson hath sent you one shilling w^{ch} is in y^e said perâ. I have put y^r Tutors in a little purse, and sealed y^m both. Y^r Dear Mother hath sent You 2 pair of sleeves, one pair pretty fine, and y^e other indifferent, wth one pair of stockins suitable to y^r coat, wth some pieces of Linnen cloth. And now Dear Son, it is our full mind and will y^t You leave y^e Col. at a convenient time. The reasons are many. First, because it hath pleas'd Almighty God out of his infinite wisdom & mercy to take unto himself Y^r dear brother, for W^m (as you Know) we had provided a good Estate if it had pleas'd Almighty God to have drawn out y^e thread of his life, to have enjoy'd and possess'd it; but God had provided for him a better, and an eternall inheritance as he said on his death bed, wⁿ I told him of it, Oh Father said he, I must have one 10 thousand thousand times better. We must all yield to y^e wise disposing of God Almighty. Now if God grant You life and health, You are like to enjoy it, w^{ch} will be sufficient wth Gods blessing for You. Secondly, You see and Know y^t y^e times for learning are not as formerly, and God Knowes w^t y. may be hereafter: You Know y^e condition of S^t Mary Mag. Col. And if y^e King take y^e Charter from y^e University, & put in Commanders w^m he pleases, we may conjecture w^t will follow. Thirdly, if You were here, you w^d be nearer to help and comfort us, & we You. Wherefore we desire You to consider of these things, and send us an answer at y^r leisure, w^t y^r free will and mind is: and if You be for coming home we will (God assisting) contrive some way to get you home. But if You be fully resolv'd to continue, You shall not want maintenance, so long as God shall be graciously pleas'd to enable us. Therefore we leave You to y^e good guiding and direction of God Almighty, and y^r own free will and mind, and we pray God guide You in y^s, and all other things, for y^e best, w^{ch} may be most for his Glory and y^r External, internall & eternall happiness. Y^r Landlady Robinson is delivered of a Daughter. Here has been such plenty of Herring gotten as never was heard of in any mans time now living, for y. were so plentifull y^t y. sold y^m for 10 a penny, one man laid out 10² on y^m—at 10 a penny and carried y^m to Tho: Sauls, and salted y^m in an Oxestall having laid a sail cloth under y^m. Corn is like to be dear, for here has been a great shake, and much wet. Y^r Grandfather was well pleas'd wth y^r Letter, I saw Rowlands too and heard of Robert Cooks. D^r Barwick knowes of y^r being at Oxon, as he lately writt to me. You need not inform y^r Tutor about y^r coming home, but wⁿ I Know y^r mind, yⁿ I shall inform him. Thus with our daily prayers, & blessing, we commend You to y^e good guiding of God Almighty and rest y^r loving Parents Jo: and Mary Brockbanke. Witherslack, Octob. 5th 1688.

This at y^e same time.

Tho: Brockbanke, and Loving Grandson, Being y^t I was streightened for time, y^e carrier came to my house on Sunday at night very late, and went away on Monday morning so y^t I am forc'd to be very shorte: I have nothing to write to You but my dear love to You, and my prayers to y^e Almighty for You desiring y^e Lord to be y^r Protector and Keeper. You are daily upon my heart, and I hope shall be continually in my prayers. I

pray You let us hear from You as often as occasion will permit : I am scarce able to write to you by reason of y^e Infirmities of my Eyes, and y^e weakness of Body. Y^r Grandmother desires to be remembered unto You, and desires You to remember us in y^r prayers. Thus being forc'd abruptly to break of, I remain Y^r loving Grandfather Tho: Willan. Casterton October 7th 88.

My Answer to y^e first of y^{se} (wthout question) was negative, y^t I w^od not as yet leave y^e University, yet wth all submission and willingness to be commanded : to y^e 2^d my answer I suppose was gratulatory, I Know not w^t, for I was very careless in preserving foul copies ; I writ a great deal but Kept none. About y^e beginning of December I receiv'd from y^e Post office y^s y^t follows.

Dear and only son, I and Y^r Mother have receiv'd y^r very welcome Letters wherein we understand y^t you are well, blessed be God for y^e same, and we pray God daily to preserve You in health to his glory, y^r and our comfort, and to Keep you from all sin and Sinfull company, & to endure You with grace daily more and more to guide You by his word, to instruct You by his holy Spirit, and to direct You by his council, y^t You may so pass thrō things temporall y^t You may obtain things eternall. Have a care You studie not too much, nor meddle with y^e warres ; Quid Musis cum Marte ? Keep You frō such company as delight in wars, neither go voluntarily, neither suffer y^r Self to be pressed, but Keep out of y^e reach of such as go about such occasions. We understand y^t Y^r mind is not to leave y^e Col. therefore we faithfully commend You to y^e good guiding and direction of God Allmighty, and will (God assisting) afford You things necessary. We are glad y^t You can get fewell thō dear. Y^r old Grandmother Willan was buried on y^e 14th of October last, who as she was peaceable in her life, so she made a peaceable and happy end about w^{ch} time Rober Briggs died. I hope you will let us know, before y^e Carrier come up, w^t You stand in need of, w^{ch} will be about Shrovetide : I paid him for all he brought up y^e last time, and gave him 2^s over for himself. We have received y^e books, map of y^e World, y^e habits of y^e University, y^e Catalogues and pictures, and all y^t was in y^e Packet, and pd 2^s for carriage, truly severall of y^e Bookes were very cheap. Here was seen in severall parts of this country on y^e 30th of Octob. last about midnight very terrible sights in y^e Air : I pray God preserve us all to his glory. Have a care of y^r health, and let us hear from you as often as You can. D^r Barwick Knowes of Y^r being at Oxon. Miles Harper promis'd w^a he went from hence to London to write to You. Thus wth my daily prayers to God for You, and my blessing I remain Y^r loving and carefull Father til Death Jo: Brockbanke, Witherslack. November 23. 88.

In this was included the following lines from my Mother writ wth her own hand.

Dear Son, These lines come from a trembling hand, and from a troubled heart being depriv'd of so many comforts in one year as hath happened to me, having lately buried my dear Mother. Yet hearing of y^r welfare doth

add some comfort to my sorrow, yet having but one Child in y^s world, and being so far from him doth much trouble me. I am very well pleas'd with these things you sent. No more at present, but my prayers to God for You, w^{ch} shall never be wanting, I rest y^r affectionate Mother, Mary Brockbanke.

On y^e 5th of November y^e Prince of Orange's fleet consisting of between 6 & 700 ships entered Torbay, and his Higness went a shore : His Army consisted of 14 Regiments of Horse & Dragoons containing 3660 men and 15 Regiments of foot containing 10692, in all 14352. All things were now in confusion, nothing but fightings & souldiers talk'd of, w^{ch} I shall omitt: The K. abdicated and on y^e 10th of December sent a Letter to y^e Lord Feversham,¹ who thereupon disbanded his Army, w^{thout} taking from y^m their Arms, & there being amongst 'em 5 or 6000 Irish, gave occasion to a strange Alarm, y^t happened y^e 12th and 13 of 10^{ber} y^t y^e Irish in a desperate Rage put all to y^e sword &c. This Alarm happen'd all over y^e Kingdom much about y^e Same time. This following Letter has some relation to it.

Dear and loving son, I writ to You on y^e 23^d of November, but I suppose You have not receiv'd it, because I hear not from You since. Y^r dear Mother writ a Letter to you w^{ch} was enclos'd in mine wherein She return'd You thanks for y^e Tokens sent, and concerning y^e death of her Mother, who was buried y^e 14th of October last. I desire You upon y^e sight of this, to write back y^t we may Know how You are in health, y^t so we may be satisfied, for either our letters may come short of You or Y^{rs} of us in these tumultuous times. Here has lately been great terrour, about y^e Irish Men, but y. are dispers'd. The Beacons were fir'd & y^e country rais'd, and y^e Irish were stopp'd att Warrington Bridge, and so turned towards Hallyfax in Yorkshire. But I trust in Christ y^t God in time will reconcile the discensions & seditions among us, so as may be most for his Glory and our Comfort, and gō let us depend upon him, who never will forsake y^m y^t trust in him. Send for w^t You need, I suppose things will be dear wth You. Give my service to y^r Tutor and tell him, I give him thanks for his Letter and Paper. And thus (wth our constant prayers to God for You and our blessing) I rest y^r lo: father till Death, Jo: Brockbanke. Witherslack December 26. 1688.

Hitherto I lived Batteler² at Queens but there being an Election for Tabiters about St Thomas Day, and thereupon a remove throughout, I got to be Larder man ; my office was to set down each mans commons for w^{ch} I was equall wth y^e Poor Children at Table. About Epiphany I writ an answer to y^e foregoing Letter, and in answer to y^t I receiv'd by y^e Post y^s y^t followes.

¹ Louis de Duras (*recte* de Durfort), 2nd Earl of Feversham, y^t of the creation of 1676. He was one of the few noblemen who remained faithful to James II. He d. 1709, aged 68 (G.E.C., *The Complete Peerage*).

² A poor student, below the rank of Commoner (*Century Dictionary*).

Dear and loving Son, I had y^r welcom letter on y^e 12th Instant, dated by You on y^e 6th. Y^e first reason y^t hindred y^r writing (vizt y^e troublesomness of y^e times) was our great fear for You, and made us desirous to hear from You. W^t you write for I purpose (God willing) to send by y^e Carrier wⁿ he comes w^{ch} will be about Shrovetide. I pray have a care of y^r health, and if You have any fear of an Invasion of y^e French, and if Any of y^r house come home do you come wth them, y^t You may stay here til y^e Times be better settled, for we suppose y^t we are (by Gods goodness) safer here yⁿ You there: But those things I leave to God, and y^r own discretion, hoping y^t he y^t hath hitherto protected You and doth protect You, y^t He will protect You, unto whose protection I faithfully commit You. We are well blessed be God for it, Judeth Dawson is sick; we have no newes worth writing. Y^r 2nd Reason concerning y^e Election in y^e house, w^t preferment You have gotten we are well contented with it, & so we desire You to be: Do not grieve, nor be troubled y^t You are not fully admitted poor Child of y^e house, for You may Know y^t some of these 6. Seniors y^t You write of, have continued longer yⁿ You before they were admitted. We fear y^t y^e troubles of y^s land are not yet all past, therefore if You have a desire to come down & stay a while here until y^e times be better settled it wo'd do well: by y^e Carrier we shall Know more, and therefore for y^e present I conclude (wth our constant prayers to God for You, and our blessing) and rest y^r lo: Father usque ad mortem Jo: Brockbanke. Witherslack January y^e 8. 1688.

And now y^e Carrier is come again (whose comeing us'd to be a great consolation to Young men) and from him I receiv'd y^e following Letter and its contents.

Dear and loving son, I writ to You at or about y^e 18th of January last, w^{ch} I hope You have receiv'd: And now, according to y^r writing, I have sent You by y^e Carrier Tho: Burnyeates 10^l for y^r use, and have paid the Carrier for y^e Carriage of it: out of it You may pay y^r Tutor, for I have sent none to him at y^s time, because (as you write) he gave You y^e last I sent him to dispose of. This week I was at Casterton, and found my Father Willan farr out of health, and very decrepit, and ready to give over housekeeping, and to table wth his daughter Elline; He desir'd me to remember him to You. Judeth Dawson is recover'd; my Sister Margaret is out of health. Y^r dear Mother is partly out of heart, w^{ch} makes her something out of health, but I hope in God thrô J.C. y^t in Gods good time she will get over her Sorrow. I am well blessed be God for it. I pray have a care of y^r health, and in all Y^r studies studie to please God: O study God, study y^r self closely, & pursue holiness more yⁿ learning, thô both together make a happie constellation, and are like Castor & Pollux, w^{ch} wⁿ y. appear together do ever presage good to Mariners. I must commend unto You these 4 Beatifying Lessons shortly comprehended in this Distich,

Spernere Mundum, spernere nullum, spernere sese

Spernere se sperni, quatuor ista beant.

This one verse w^{ch} is reported to be y^e answer to a certain man y^t had pray'd often, and wo'd have Known whether he had pray'd enough.—Redde

mihi mediam lunam, solem et canis iram. 1. Cor. I pray be not discourag'd at any time, if any of your fellows exceed you. I will trouble You wth no more at present, but (with our hourly prayers unto God and our blessing) commend you unto y^e protection of God allmighty & rest y^r Lo: Father Jo: Brockbanke, Witherslack, Feb. 15. 1688.

The first Letter y^t I receiv'd in 89 was y^e following one.

Loving son, I have received y^r Letter dated May y^e 19th wherein I find You in y^e like condition y^t we were in about Christmas, but this may free you of y^r trouble, for by y^e goodness of God we are well, but to write y^e truth I have not written since Y^e Carrier came down, neither did I intend to write til his return, if You had been silent. However we are very well pleased wth y^r Letter. Wⁿ Y^r Mother spake to me about writing I said I had nothing to write. W^t You write for both now and before, we purpose (God willing) by y^e Carrier they shall come. We were at Casterton last week, and Y^r grandfather has divided his household goods, or y^e most of y^m among his daughters, and he is come to Kirby¹ to table with his daughter Elline, and there y^e Carrier may find him in his journey. Kendal is and has been sore burthen'd with souldiers. Pray remember me to y^r Tutor & tell him I do not nor will not forget his Kindness to You, but in time will remember him. We have such newes as you write of, on Monday y^e 20th instant I was at Kendal where I saw y^e Gazet. I hope God in his good time will put an end to these distractions and tumults, as may be most for his Glory and our Good. I pray in all Y^r Studies, study to please God, who is y^e chief good. Fac ut valeas. No more at present but our blessing and prayers to god for you we rest your loving and dear parents till death, Jo: & M. Brockbanke. Witherslack May 28th 1689. Robert Cook is married.

In y^e beginning of July y^e Carrier brought me y^e following Letters ; This first from my Father.

Dear Son, I had y^{rs} on y^e 19th of May last and return'd You an answer on y^e 28 of y^e same. Y^r dear and loving mother hath sent you two shirts, one pair of stockings, and one table napkin, wth her blessing & daily prayers. And she hath sent y^r Tutor a Guinea, w^{ch} she desires You to present to him as a small token of her remembrance: it is enclos'd in y^r Tutors Letter, w^{ch} letter you shall find wrapt up amongst y^r Linnen. And I have sent you for y^r pocket money three pounds: and allso I have sent amongst y^e Silver a guinea w^{ch} I desire You to present wth my service to y^e Provost: ² (You may enclose it within his letter w^{ch} you have here enclos'd), if you Know or think it convenient to present any such like thing

¹ i.e. Kirkby Lonsdale.

² Timothy Halton, D.D., was Provost of Queen's from 1677 to 1704. He matriculated at Queen's Coll. 14 June 1649; B.A. 17 Feb. 1652-1653; M.A. 21 June 1655; fellow 1657; B.D. 1662; D.D. 1674; provost 1677-1704; Vice-chancellor 1679-1682; and 1685-1686. He was s. of Miles H. of Greystoke, Cumberland. He was prebendary of St. David's 1662, Archdeacon of Brecknock 1672, and of Oxford 1675, rector of Weyhill, Hants, 1679, rector of Charlton-upon Otmore, Oxon, 1685, until his death 1704 (Foster).

to him, for he may do you as great a Kindness as it is. If you be anything dubious of it y^r Self, advise wth y^r Tutor : But if neither he nor you think fit to present it to him, yⁿ make use of it Yourself, for I am unacquainted with Y^r Col. customes. Robert Cooke is married as in my last [his wife was one Heblethwaite she was born at Middleton Hall, and is since dead, she left 3 children]. My father Willan is at Kirby with his daughter. Rowland Tatham has bought his house at Casterton of my Bro. Phil. Garnet. I have paid y^e Carrier both for y^e money and Packet, but he Knowes not of y^e Letter and token in y^e Packet, because you writ y^t y^r Tutor and he were not very Kind, gō I did conceal it from him. I sent by him y^e last time 1^s y^t You and he might drink together, but You say nothing about it, gō I cannot tell whether he employ'd it according as I wish'd him, but let me Know in y^r next, for I can say nothing to him now about it. Da operam quaeso ut valeas. George Hutton is gone to y^e schole of Kendal. Myles Walker is to Sedbergh schole. This day we have been at Bethom at y^e burial of Tobias Martindale. We are well blessed be God for the same. This with our blessing & daily prayers to God for You, is all at present from y^r loving Parents, Jo: & M. Brockbanke. Witherslack June 21. 1689.

My Tutor, M^r Bowness, had his Guinea, but we thought it not proper to present y^e Provost wth my Fathers letter and Token, and gō I converted it to my own use : The 2^d Letter y^t I receiv'd at y^s time was y^e following one from my Grandfather.

Casterton y^e 22^d of June 1689. M^r Thomas Brockbanke, & Most dear and loving grandson, I receiv'd y^r Kind & tender Letter, dated in March, w^{ch} did much refresh and comfort my sad and drooping Spirit ; for be assured, I am by y^e good hand of Providence in a very sad and heavy condition now in my old Age, being I parted wth so dear a Yoke fellow, who had lived 51 yeares together so comfortably : but I hope she has but gotten one step before me, and yⁿ I believe faithfully we shall meet in eternity : In y^e mean time y^r dear and Kind lines do much comfort me, and my prayers are daily importuning y^e throne of grace y^t God may bless You here with all temporal blessings in y^s life, and crown You wth everlasting glory in y^e life to come : And I desire You above all to fear y^e Lord and serve him, for be assured there is no good thing shall be wanting to y^m y^t fear y^e Lord. It is y^e desire of my heart y^t I might but live to see You in y^e Country before I go hence and be no more *seen*. I have turn'd all ye cares of y^s world . . . and have turn'd my houses and Lands into y^r Fathers, Y^r Uncle Philips, and Y^r Aunt Ellins hands, each of y^m their proportion, and am gone to table at Kirby with y^r Aunt Eline. I have no cares of y^s World to encomber me. Lord ! that my only care may be to fear y^e Lord, and Serve him in truth & Sincerity of heart, for w^{ch} I beg y^r daily prayers, and shall not be in my daily praiers undmindfull of you to y^e Throne of Grace. Y^r relations and friends are all in good health at present and desire (all in general) to be remembred to You. I have no more, but cannot break off but in y^e tender bowels of my soul, bid you farewell, farewell, Y^r dear Grandfather til death Tho: Willan.

The 3^d Letter y^t I receiv'd y^e beginning of July by y^e Carrier was this from my Cos. Rowland Tatham.

Casterton June y^e 22^d 89. Cousin Brockbank, I receiv'd y^r loving and Kind Letter dated y^e 15th of March, for w^{ch} I can do no less yⁿ return You innumerable thanks, for y^r carefull and earnest desire to hear of my welfare, and in y^e interim, let me beg pardon for my neglect of writing both wⁿ Burnyeates came last up and ever since, but for y^t assure y^r self I am no less inquisitive after or less desirous to hear of Y^r Welfare, and I'll assure You, dear Cousin, my affection towards you is such, y^t if I had not y^e benefit of seing most of Y^r Letters, or at y^e last to hear of y^m to satisfie me You are well (as I hope y^s may find You) you sho'd be more frequently troubled in taking and sending of Letters yⁿ you are. Cousin I thank You for y^r care about y^e book, but I have partly given over minding of fancies & betaken myself to more husbundry. but wⁿ there is any other book or thing I have a mind to while You stay there, I must make bold to use You. I have little newes but w^t I fancy You Know before us, only a Relation of Causon a Merchant of Lancaster a church Papist (as we call y^m) who was by an other merchant seen, or Known to be wth K. James in Ireland, who came over before him, and gave information thereof: He was not much suspected before, only fraught much wth meat and Lead. The Mayor of Lancaster wth others watched his coming in to Thornbush ¹ a place about 5 miles below Lancaster, took him on shipboard, searched him, and quilted in his doublet y. found severall Letters to great Papists, all signifying a great many popish souldiers sho'd land at y^e Peel (Pile), ² either y^s day or yesterday, and a declaration of K. James's (as we have y^e story) y^t all Protestants y^t wo'd within 8 days come and take up Arms with [*sic*] sho'd be pardoned for w^t is by-past, and enjoy their estates. Whether You have heard or not, y^r Gnfather has given over house, and Tables wth y^r Aunt at Kirby. We are all in pretty good health at present. My Mother has You much in her mind, and desires me to remember her love to You herein. And y^s is all at present from Y^r Lo: Cousin and ever wellwisher Row: Tatham.

These letters I answer'd, but do not remember one word of my answers, only in y^t to my Fathers I acquainted him about my Leg and its cure w^{ch} I mention'd page y^e 9th ³ and desir'd an account how much I had cost him allready &c. About y^e 20th of August I receiv'd y^s y^t followes from y^e Post Office.

Dear and loving son, I read in y^r Mothers Letter y^t you find y^rself of a weak constitution of body, therefore I think you not fit to continue in y^e University, and for y^e reasons You had before I wish You to leave y^e Col. for fear of further decay of y^r Body: But if You think y^r self able (by Gods assistance) to endure, yⁿ you may write to D^r Barwick, who lives at y^e great Almerly in Westminster, for y^e reasons You write of, for

¹ Can Thurnham be intended?

² Probably Peel Island, close to Barrow-in-Furness.

³ See the record of his being roasted at or about Christmas 1687.

he Knowes y^t You are at y^a Col. and You are nearer yⁿ I am : And wⁿ I have occasiō I will write to him on y^r behalf after I hear of y^r resolution. Be not troubled at any cost You put me too for by y^e goodness of God I can well bear it, for it never troubles me : and if others by y^e assistance of their friends be better preferred yⁿ You, let not y^t trouble You, remember M^r Sympons son. According to y^r desire I have here sent You an account of w^t money You have had. First wⁿ You went up Octob. 8. 87, 14^l, Feb. 25. 87, 10^l, June 88, 7^l, Octob. 5^l, Feb. 16th 88, 10^l, June 22, 89, 3^l in silver and 2 guineas, in all 51^l—03^s—00^d given to y^e Carrier at severall times for his own use 10^s—4^d. paid for Carriage of money and goods 1^l—12^s—8^d, sent by him to drink wth You 2^s 6^d. one time 1^s 6^d an other 1^s at a third. Sent to You by M^r Fleming 5^s. Sent to You from Y^r Uncle Harrison 1^s. from Judeth Dawson 1^s. On June 22^d 1689 wⁿ I was at Kendall to meet y^e Carrier I met with a Letter to Judeth Dawson : both Rob^t Cowhird & I Knew it to be Your hand and seal. I p^d 5^d for it. It troubled me much, & made me haste home, & forthwith I sent for Judeth, & yⁿ found it written by You in y^e behalf of her Nephew Simpson to his friends y^t will do little for him. [He is since dead]. Robert Cook hath married M^{rs} Mary Heblethwaite daughter of M^r Heblethwaite of Middleton Hall [since dead]. M^r Lodge hath married a Tounswoman of Lancaster [one Yeates]. The Cloathes & other things w^{ch} You have had I pass over, for I can't give a perfect account of y^m. however y^r suit stood in about 2^l—10^s. The money you write for I will send (God willing) wⁿ y^e Carrier comes. Y^e candle and gloves too, but for y^r shoes I think it better for You to buy these, for if we sho'd send from hence peradventure they wo'd not fit you, & thō they be dearer wth You y^t cannot be helped. The stockins you last had were y^e gift of Christopher Robinson & his good wife, gō return y^m a Letter of thanks for y^m y^e next time y^e Carrier comes from You. For y^e getting of our Peats & hay we have had very good help by y^e goodness of God, for Jonathan Hodgson lead us our Peats, and his sister Agnes & Bessy Newton helped us in y^e hay with severall others : But at present we have only Betty Robinson [since married to Tho: Atkinson, and dead] and Nibby Whitehead and Jo: Knipe of Flodder, we are all well, blessed be God for y^e same, and rejoyce much to hear of Y^r Welfare : but I wonder y^t You sho'd neglect Y^r Legg so long, I pray You let it be a warning to You and if y^e good Surgeon come again let him be paid for his pains. Da operam ut valeas. Commend us both heartily to y^r Tutor, & tel him y^t we thank him for y^e copy of y^e University Mans Letter, but for y^e book more, and most of all for his care over You. Here are Troopers about Kendall and in y^e adjacent Country, but y. are pretty civil men. All persons here capable to take y^e new oaths have done so y^t I know of. In all Y^r studies studie principally to please God, let him be y^r Alpha and Ω in all things, and y^e God of peace, y^t brought again from y^e Dead, y^t great shepherd of y^e sheep thrō y^e blood of y^e everlasting covenant, make You perfect in every good word and work to do his will. And thus I put an end to my writing at present (desiring you to let us hear from You before y^e return of y^e Carrier) and rest (with our continual prayers unto God for You, and our blessing) John Brockbanke. Witherslack August : 8th : 89.

In a Poscript was y^s from my Mother (writt wth my Fathers pen).

Dear Son, I desire to know w^t those persons are of w^m You write, y^t will come from y^r house to give us a visit : and w^t You mean by writing y^t it may be you will give Judeth Dawson a visit shortly. This is all at present committing You faithfully to Almighty God with my prayers unto God for You, and blessing, I rest y^r dear mother Mary Brockbanke.

I answer'd y^s 22^d August, and about y^e 15th of October had by y^e Carrier w^t follows.

Dear and loving son, We had y^r letter dated 22^d of Aug. last, w^{ch} gave us great content, And now we have sent by y^e Carrier eight pounds to y^r Tutor for Y^r & his use, and 2^l for y^r pocket money for we consider y^t it will be both a long and cold time before y^e Carrier come again. Judeth Dawson allso hath sent you 1^s, w^{ch} is in y^e purse wth y^r own ; y^r Tutors is in another purse. We desire you to beware to w^m you lend any money or w^m you trust : For here was Myles Walker, w^m I durst have trust wth untold Gold, but he being at Sedberg schole came home, in pretence for his quarters-tablemoney, got 40^s of his Parents, for to pay his quarterage, and about a fortnight after (he not coming to Sedbergh according to expectation) his Landlord sent to enquire after him, but he not being heard of since y^t time there are severall things laid to his charge w^{ch} are wanting, but especially a ring. Wⁿ he went from me I gave him y^e little Dictionary and he desir'd me to lend him Lucians Dialogues for 1/4 year, w^{ch} I did, but how I shall come to it again I know not. Here is at present y^e Person for w^m You writ, vizt W. Simpsō who tells us y^t he was not at London since he came from Oxford, and yet he sais y^t he was at St Albans (to seek his brother Robert) w^{ch} is but 20 miles on y^s side London : He tells us of y^r kindness to him. If You have y^r Coats by you, and can make no use of y^m [I soul'd y^m long before but never was paid] I pray send y^m to me : I suppose y^t I can wear y^m. And if you have any old Shirts, y^t you can make no use of, nor are not oblig'd to bestow, send y^m at a convenient time. Wⁿ we heard y^r reasons for y^e shoes, we soon procur'd such a pair, as we suppose will keep both wet & cold out, but y. may be too great, to cure y^t fault you may put on 2 pair of stockins. We have sent you allso 2 wax candles (for we co'd not get one so great as we wo'd have had it) and allso a piece of dried beef, y^t you may use as You think fit, and if it be serviceable for you, we (God willing) will send you more hereafter or Tongues. Allso we have sent a pair of gloves, & thō y. be not altogether such as You write for, yet y. may do well, y^e furr'd Leather is not yet ready in y^s country. Mary Walker died y^e 22^d of Aug. last. We are well (blessed be God for it). Da operam ut valeas quaeso. Thus commending you to y^e good protection of Almighty God (wth our blessing and daily prayers to Almighty God for You) we rest y^r carefull parents usque ad Mortem Jo: et Mary Brockbanke. Witherslack Oct. 4th 1689.

The Postscript on y^e margin.—The Carrier is paid for ye Carriage of all. M^r Fisher of Stainbank hath buried his wife, his sonn, his daughter and two maid servants in a very short time. M^r Garnet is y^e Maior of Kendall.

The Carrier brought me y^s at y^e same time from my Grandfather.

Casterton October y^e 5th (89) M^r Thomas Brockbank. And honour'd Nephew, I shall allways think myself happy wⁿ I hear of y^r health & welfare, but more especially sho'd be much more glad if Providence wo'd so order y^t I might but live to see y^r Presence in y^e Country, for you are y^e Joy of my heart, and y^e daily remembrance in my prayers. I have nothing to present unto You but my hearty thanks, for y^e sweet lines you have so often sent me, w^{ch} are a great deal of comfort to me. I am at present in good health of body, I bless God for it, but very infirm in my Limbs. I pray you in y^r next letter, if you have any remarkable Newes, let me have a hint of it. I perceive you writ something to Cosin Rowland's last Letter, but I co'd never get a sight of it. Sir I shall not further trouble you, but where my pen ends my prayers shall begin, y^t y^e God of mercy may be y^r Preserver & Keeper and guide You with his Counsil here, and in y^e End bring you to his everlasting Kingdom of Glory, w^{ch} shall be y^e daily prayers of him who shall ever remain Y^r dear Grandfather Thomas Willan. Y^r Aunt Elline desires me to present her tender love to You, and y^e rest of all y^r relations as if nam'd.

The next Letter I receiv'd was by y^e Post. The Contents w^t follows.

Charissime fili. Nos valemus omnes, gratia sit Deo, sperantes quoque in bona valetudine te esse; da operam, quaeso, ut ita continuare possis ad gloriam Dei etc. You desire to Know w^t Eulogie W.S.¹ did say concerning You: truly he did say nothing but very well; he said You were very Kind to him, and made much of him, and gave him 2 loaves wⁿ he departed from y^e City. And because Judy had been Kind to You, we likewise made much of him, and gave him 2^s wⁿ he departed hence for London, as he said. M.W.² is heard of, and hath gotten to teach a schole in Yorkshire, and writes y^t he will come over at Whitsuntide. James Townson went to Kendall on Saturday y^e last of November, and there began to be sick, and on Tuesday following he died there [his wife is since dead, and was buried July —] and on Wednesday y. brought him to Crosthwaite ³ to be buried, y^r Mother, being gone to y^e Buriall, M^r [Anthony] Saul [died of a consumption at Oxon about 169⁵] wth his brother and sister came to visit us in y^el^r way to Tharphinsty; ⁴ after a little discourse I desir'd him to call wⁿ y. came back, w^{ch} y. did and staid 2 or 3 houres, and told us many things of you, & amongst y^e rest, y^t you are a noted Student all y^e College over, and studie much by candle light, and y^t y^r carefull Tutor hath come to You to forbid you of it. Dear Son, Y^e is y^e thing y^t I fear'd: Therefore if you love me and Your dear mother, be more moderate in y^r studie, lest you do y^r self harm. M^r Saul says he

¹ Probably the Will. Simpson mentioned in the letter dated 14 Oct. 1689, *supra*.

² Probably the Myles Walker who absconded from Sedbergh School, as related in the letter dated 14 Oct. 1689, *supra*.

³ A parish, etc., about 4½ miles W.S.W. of Kendal.

⁴ Thorphinsty is a hamlet in the township of Cartmel Fell about 5 miles N. of Cartmel.

will come up about Candlemas. I have sent all y^e Money both to You and y^r Tutor in little purses ever since you wished me to do so, and of y^e best Money y^t I co'd chuse. Now let me Know in y^r next whether You receiv'd it so or not, for if you do not, yⁿ I will spare y^t Labour, for y^e Carrier was a telling of returning it. Let me Know in your next w^t You need, y^t I may provide and send it by y^e Carrier wⁿ he returns, w^{ch} will be after Shrovetide. Thus commending You daily in our praiers to All-mighty God with our blessing we rest y^r loving Parents Jo: & Mary Brockbanke. Witherslack Decemb. 12th 1689.

Postscript (fathers pen). Dear Son. I desire You to send Elizabeth Robinson, y^e next time y^t y^e Carrier comes from You, any little book or other fancy of 1^d or 2^d price w^{ch} I suppose may be well taken : she hath chosen Wil. Rainge of Milthorp ¹ for her Guardian, but she is with us yet. This from y^r Mother Mary Brockbanke.

About y^e 10th of January I receiv'd y^e following Letter from y^e Post office.

Dear Son. I find by y^{rs} y^t You long expected mine. The cause of my delay was y^e coming of M^r Saul, for shortly after he had been here I writ. I hear y^t M^r Jo: Archer comes wth him, about y^e Latter end of y^s Month or y^e beginning of y^e Next. You write concerning some cloaths, but let us Know in y^r next w^t manner of cloathes : we think of coat and breaches ; and whether you wo'd have y^m made here or y^e cloth sent up unmade. Wⁿ we Know y^r mind herein, You shall have it perform'd by Gods assistance, and shall want Nothing y^t is needfull for You. Y^r Grandfather Willan is here with us y^s Christmas, who (with us) is very glad to hear of y^r health and desires heartily to be remembred to You. Let me Know wⁿ the Parliament sits, and wⁿ not. I desire You in all y^r studies to studie to please God, and first to seek y^e Kingdom of Heaven, and the Righteousness thereof ; and do not seek high things or places, but as God said to y^e Prophet, seekest thou high things ! Seek y^m not. For by long experience I see y^t many have sought & got great places, and yet have got little comfort thereby, for a mans life consists not in y^e abundance y^t he possesseth, but in y^t God is pleas'd to bless and sanctifie him, & y^t w^t soever it be, more or Less homely or dainty, y^e same shall be sufficient as appears in Daniel and his fellowes, who eating puls and drinking water looked fairer and fatter at y^e 10 dais end, yⁿ those y^t did eat y^e Kings portion of meat : and $\overline{g}\overline{o}$ saith Christ, take heed and beware of covetousness &c. I pray remember me to y^r good Tutor. This is all we will trouble you wth at present, but committ You to y^e Good Keeping & protection of y^e Almighty wth our daily prayers & blessing &c we rest y^r loving and Kind hearted Parents while we are, John & Mary Brockbanke. Witherslack, Jan 3^d 1689.

About y^e Middle of February M^r Saul came up to Oxon, wth M^r Jo: Archer, Who brought me y^e following Letter from my old friend M^r Simpson.

¹ Milnthorpe is a Parish, etc., in Westmoreland 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. of Kendal.

Kendall 7 Febr. 89. Honest Mr. Brockbank. Having y^s opportunity I co'd do no less yⁿ return You my hearty thanks for all y^{rs} so full of Kindness and respects, and to assure You y^t y^r directing any thing to me, either for Father or Mother, is so far from being thought to be any trouble, as I esteem it a mark of y^r respect. They are both well. And I do hereby assure You, y^t whereinsoever I may do you any Kindness, You shall command it, and find me still ready to approve my Self Y^r True and affectionate Countryman & friend Ja. Simpson. Y^r schole fellow [Robert Cowhird] remembers him to You.

Sometime in y^s month I had a fit of sickness, whereupon my Tutor writ to my father, but I fearing his Letter wo'd not be satisfactory, writ one to assure him of my recovery, to w^{ch} y^e 2 y^t follow have some respect. y. came by y^e Carrier and were as followes.

Dear Son. You did well to write y^r Last Letter for it gave us much satisfaction about y^r recovery, w^{ch} we hope by y^e goodness of God is continued unto You. We not Knowing w^t You stand in need of, but conjecturing by reason of y^r sickness y^t money may be welcom, have sent you by y^e Carrier Tho: Burnyeats 3^l for you writ for none but w^t we thought fit for y^r Pocket. W^t you need more, let us Know & allso of y^r health. Y^r Grandfather Willan got a little hurt on his Legg about y^e latter end of Christmas, w^{ch} has so lam'd him y^t he can scarce go. I went to visit him on Monday last, yet I hope in time he will recover by y^e blessing of God. I wish You to write to him and to give him thanks for y^e gloves M^r Saul brought You, for y. were his gift. He was much concern'd wⁿ he heard of your sickness. Eliz. Robinson hath chosen Wil. Rainge of Miltthorp for her Guardian, and went from hence wth Margaret y^e wife of y^e said Rainge on S^t Johns day in Christmas, and we saw her not since. M^r Roger Wilson was buried at Kirby the last Sunday. If you think y^t y^r Native country air be better for y^r health, you may come down wⁿ You please. Y^r friend Christopher Robinson is out of health, otherwise he wo'd have writt 2 lines to you, but you must accept of his love remembred, with his good wives [*sic*]. We have sent You by y^e Carrier (who surpris'd us y^s last night, for we did not expect him before y^e next Saturday) a suit of cloaths viz^t coat & breeches of 10^s y yard, of y^e same piece of cloath as M^r Archers (witness Rob. Cowhird) and a pair of fine sleeves. This all wth our hourly prayers unto God for You desiring y^r health & happiness we rest Y^r tender hearted Parents, Jo: & Ma: Brockbanke. Kendall, March 4, 1698. Postscript. The shreads and sleeves are in y^e Packets. If y^e coat be too strait there is enough to let it out wth at y^e Side.—The Carrier is paid for all.

The other y^t at y^s time I receiv'd from y^e Carrier was y^s.

Casterton y^e 2^d of March, 89. Dear Cousin, I was glad to find You in so pleasant an humor as you were wⁿ You writ Y^r last to me; but I'll assure You we were all in a sore trouble of mind wⁿ we heard of y^r sickness. I was at Your Fathers house y^e next day after y^r Tutors Letter got thither, so y^t as it happened I was y^e messenger of y^t unacceptable newes to y^r lo: Grandfather & y^e rest of y^r Relations & wellwishers wth us: We were all

Jealous y^r good Tutor had not writ of y^e worst til we had y^e happiness to see a confirmation thereof of Your own writing, w^{ch} y^r good Father took y^e pains to bring over y^e next day but one after he rec'd it, to be a satisfaction to us allso. I was at Kendal yesterday where I had y^e happiness to meet wth Y^r Father and Mother and M^r Burnyeats all unexpectedly. Y^r Grandfather has had greivous pain in a Legg this three weeks or longer w^{ch} proceeded from a little hurt by a piece of wood he was a lying in y^e fire, and y^e Ague drawing to it. Y^r Mother was yesterday as sick for y^e time it held her, she said, as ever she was in all her life. Dear Cousin I wo'd desire y^r excuse for my sometimes silence, for y^e truth is, I see (I think) either all or most of y^r Letters, and whats sent to You in part, and Know so well how squares go, y^t I have but very little matter to write upon; but, dear Cousin, let this I beseech You, satisfie You y^t I am and will still so remain y^r hearty welwisher & affectionate Kinsman and Servant Row: Tatham. Postscript, My Mother I'l assure was not a little glad to hear y^e certainty of y^r good recovery. She presents her love to You, and has sent You here enclos'd a small token of her Remembrance, w^{ch} she desires You to drink at y^r Leisure. Farewell.

This ended 89. The beginning of May I receiv'd a Letter from my Father by y^e Post; and it was in y^e following words.

Dear and loving Son, I am heartily glad to hear of y^r recovery (blessed be God for it) Y^r Tutor tells me you have got quit of y^r customary cough, w^{ch} I am glad off, if it be so, and therefore let me hear in y^r Next: If it trouble you, I wo'd have you take y^e advice of y^r Physitian about it, and take something to quitt you of it if possible. I see by Y^{rs} y^t y^r coat is too side [?], & y^e Arms too long, and indeed it is scarce possible to made cloathes exactly fit for one at so great a distance; And g^o for y^e future I advice You to buy y^r cloath at Oxon, and get it made there, for all things consider'd, you may have y^m more fit, and as cheap as we can; for such cloath as we buy for you, You may there buy cheaper, yⁿ we can, and you may please y^r Self both in colour cloath and making. The Taylors wages is nothing to stand upon. Y^r dear Mother sent you a pair of fine Sleeves in y^r breeches pocket, w^{ch} You mention not in y^r Letter, w^{ch} makes her think y^r Packet hath been rob'd: however she is unsatisfied about y^m. therefore wⁿ You write again you may do well to return her thanks for them among her other Courtesies. There is not anything that you have had from home, since you came to Oxon, but she Knew of it except y^s Letter, and I have Kept it from her only to give you notice of her discontent. Eliz. Robinson hath quite left us. Mary Garnet is with us. We are all well, blessed be God for it, and so are our Neighbours. Y^r Mother gave M^r Saul 2^s wⁿ he was here, one for himself, and y^e other to drink wth You [we drank it at y^e half moon]. W^t You want let me Know before y^e return of y^e Carrier. Christopher Robinson intends shortly to leave Kendall, and to live in Furness-fell. M^r Simpson hath been much out of health, and is yet weak. Y^r friend M^r Wil: Knipe of Broughton in Cartmel is dead. This (with my continual prayers to God for you) is all at present from y^r loving father usque ad mortem John Brockbanke. Witherslack, April: ult^o 1690.

I had writ to my father about y^e 8th or 9th of May by one y^t was at Oxon, and agoing to y^e North, but not receiving it or any other from me y^t acquainted him of my news, He sent sent me y^e following letter by y^e Post w^{ch} I receiv'd about y^e 8 of June.

Dear Son, Late yesternight I had y^{rs} dated may 19th wherein you write of a Letter formerly sent, since y^e Carrier came ; But of y^t former Letter I Know nothing, nor by w^m You sent it. I expect y^e Carrier to be in Kendall upon Saturday fortnight, and I do not Know w^t You want, I may conjecture y^t You had written Y^r wants in y^e Letter mention'd. I Know not w^t to send You, g^o You must either let me Know y^r wants by a Letter before y^e return of y^e Carrier (w^{ch} is hardly possible) or els I shall not Know w^t to send. Y^r Cousin Christopher Robinson removed wth his Family into Furnesfell upon y^e 5th of May Last, and on Saturday following he died, on Monday y^e 12th of May y^r Mother and I were at his funerall at Coulton.¹ M^r Simpson is recover'd. D^r Barwick is become blind, so y^t he cannot see one Letter, however he has promis'd me y^t if he can meet with any person acquainted or familiar in y^r house, he will not forget You. William Rainge hath taken y^e Curation of Eliz. Robinson, and y. live alltogether in Crosthwait on one of her estates their. Commend me to y^r good Tutor. Have a care of Y^r health. Thus (with our blessing & hourly prayers to God) we rest Y^r tender hearted Parents Jo: Ma: Brockbanke. Witherslack. June 1st 1690.

This I answer'd y^e 10th of June ; My letter was wth my Father in good time, w^{ch} he answer'd by y^e Carrier thus.

Dear Son Y^{rs} of y^e 10th of June I had before y^e other of y^e 8th of May. You may consider y^e haste it made, and by w^m You sent it. However we are glad to hear of y^r health and happiness, blessed be God for it, and we pray God to continue both to his Glory, & y^r & our comfort. we have sent y^r Tutor 10^l for y^r use and 10^s for y^r own Pocket : We consider y^t it will not be long til y^e Carrier return again, we have paid for all. The Shirts we lett alone til his next coming w^{ch} will be (as we suppose) about Michaelmass. You write of a Scribler w^{ch} has written something of our Northern cleargy, w^{ch} I Know to be fals : for I have not heard of any cleargy man y^t refused to take y^e Oaths, but only of one M^r Smith of Heskham ² near Lowther. In our family we have Mary Garnet (Y^r Godmother's daughter) who came at Martinmass, John Knipe of Flodder, Ann Gernet of Crosthwait, and Isabel Whitehead. The Carrier deferr'd y^e Time he told me of, for he told me y^t he intended to be in Kendall on Saturday before Midsummerday. Write whether You wo'd have y^r Shirts of such cloath as y^e last were, or finer : y^e last were of good strong cloath, and will wear well. I formerly writ to You on y^r Mothers account to send Eliz. Robinson any pretty fancie of 2^d or 3^d value, but You forgot it : she sent you wⁿ you left y^e country 1^s and she did it of her own mind, so you sho'd consider it, and y^r mother thinks it wo'd content her. So not troubling you wth any

¹ Colton is a parish, etc., in Lancashire 5 miles N.E. of Ulverston.

² Askham (between Lowther and Ullswater) is intended.

more, we commit you to y^e good Keeping and Guiding of Almighty God, wth our daily prayers and blessing, & rest y^r tenderhearted Parents, John & Mary Brockbanke. Witherslack, June 27th 1690.

At y^e same time (viz^t about y^e 7th or 8 of July) I had this also by y^e Carrier.

Caster[ton] y^e 29th of June 1690. M^r Thomas Brockbanke. And my most dear Grandson, I cannot let any opportunity pass whereby I may manifest my tender affection to You, and y^e great desire I have to Know of y^r health & well being, both for y^r Soul and body. Let me not only advise You but beseech You as a tender Father, y^t you wo^d be allways seriously considering of y^e Immortality and pretiousness of y^r Soul, and labour to guide y^r whole course of life and conversation according to y^t end w^{ch} God gave you y^r Soul, and reason, and understanding for. The Lord hath set life and death before us, and as we are endowed wth Reason has left it to our own choice to propound our End either for Salvation or Damnation. And therefore let me beseech You to take good Joshua's resolution, let others do as y. please but I and my house will serve y^e Lord : Let y^t be y^r daily result, and to y^s end set allways y^e fear of God before You, and a Heavenly reverence of his greatness ; for y^e Fear of y^e Lord is y^e beginning of heavenly wisdom. Sir I have sent you these lines out of tender affection, I pray you accept of y^m candidly, for I have a Godly Jealousy, lest You may be drawn with y^e Multitude to y^e same excess of Riot, but I hope better things from You. You have tender Parents whose very life is wrapp'd up in y^r well doing, and therefore I hope You wil not frustrate neither Gods nor Y^r Parents design. Y^r Uncle and Aunts are all well, and desire to be remembred to You. I am forced to End abruptly, but where my pen leaves my prayers shall begin, and commend You unto y^e hands of him who is able to Keep You. Y^r affectionate Grandfather Thomas Willan.

These letters I answer'd, and (as I usually did) I writ a Letter to my Mother, wherein I gave her an account, y^t I had got a hurt on my face. I got it on y^s fashion : The Chamber below mine was empty, and y^e door open ; and (it being a high ceil'd room) there was hooks put in y^e beam for Irons to swing wth. But y^e Irons were lost, to supply w^{ch} I us'd a cord doubled, w^{ch} wth much use wore and at last let me fall at full swing : I pitch'd exactly on my face, and had spoil'd my nose, but as it happen'd y^{re} was a hollow for y^t. All my fore teeth were los'd or broken, one still remains loose, w^{ch} has bred me much anoy ; my under lip was perforated with my teeth, y^e mark remains still ; My mouth swell'd up and I us'd a quill to breath thrô, and also to take in my sustenance. To y^s y^e following Letters have some reference.

Dear and loving Son, I understand by y^r Tutors Letter y^t he order'd You to receive y^e Money I sent to him for y^r use : Therefore in y^r next let me know whether I need trouble Y^r Tutor wth sending y^e money to him. We are very glad to hear of y^r health & prosperity, blessed be God for it,

we pray God to continue his blessing both inward & outward to you, and to continue you in his love fear and obedience. I pray, Dear Son, be moderate and temperate in all things, for they y^t strive for Mastery are temperate in all things. I expect to have a Letter from you before y^e return of y^e Carrier, y^t I may Know y^r wants. D^r Barwick alterius digitis hath lately written to me, and amongst other things, these are his very words. Since I wrote last to You, I have met with a Young Scholler of Queens College in Oxon, who says y^r son is diligent and studious and will get y^e love of y^e College, there if he was mine I wo^d continue him there wthout interrupting his studies, y^t y^e College may take y^e more notice of him for his preferment. M^{rs} Forth tells me y^r Quondam Master Farrington * is not well pleas'd y^t You do not sometime write to him, so wⁿ y^e Carrier comes from you, you may give him y^e trouble of a few lines. Y^r Godfather M^r Lodge is remov'd wth his wife and family from Lancaster to Preston, where he followes his accustomed practice. Anthony Strickland, wth his wife and Family, is removed from Law wood to his own house at Hartbarrow in Cartmelfell. I pray remember my Kind love and Service to your careful Tutor. This wth my daily prayers to God for You is all. I rest y^r loving father untill death John Brockbanke.

This I receiv'd from y^e Post office as likewise y^s y^t followes from my Mother (*Patris digitis*) as a Postscript subscrib'd *proprijis*.

Dear Son I being informed from y^r own pen of some hurt You have gotten on y^r face was put in sore trouble how You sho^d come to it : But I fear by some unnecessary recreation, & gō for y^e future I desire You wo^d give y^r Mind more to vertue yⁿ Valour, and to remember y^e fall you catch'd in y^e Porch att Witherslack. All those things y^t You write for, y^t I can provide, I will send by the Carrier (God willing) and in y^e mean time, and at all times have a care to fear God, y^t God may Keep You from all hurts, and dangers both of soul and body, for he is y^e only Keeper of all y^t trust in him. Certifie me by y^r next how You came to y^r hurt. Thus committing you to y^e good Keeping of God Allmighty, wth my prayers and blessing, I rest Y^r Dear and loving Mother till death, Mary Brockbanke. Witherslack August 14th 1690.

My Tutor M^r Bowness, had been for some time M.A. and went out into y^e country to supply some curacy about Bristoll whence he writ to me, but I have not his Letter : After y^s he went into Warrwicksh. and writt y^s y^t followes to me.

Newbold¹ in Warwickshire, Sept. y^e 15th (90). M^r Brockbank, I send y^s from Stretford upon Avon. I do not Know whether it will come to y^r hands or no ; if it do it may certifie You y^t (God willing) I shall be with You on Monday y^e 22^d of y^s Month, or on Monday y^e 29th att y^e longest : If You Know of any Concern y^t requires my presence sooner You may write by y^e Post, and direct y^r Letter for me at Newbold in Warwickshire, to be left at y^e Sign of y^e woolpack in Warwick-town. I am Y^r most affectionate Friend E. Bownes.

¹ Apparently this is Newbold Pacey, a parish 5 miles S.E. of Warwick.

Whether I return'd any answer to y^s or no I Know not. The Next y^t I receiv'd was by y^e Carrier. These 2 y^t follow next were from my Parents.

Dear and only Son, I have sent You by y^e Carrier one packet in w^{ch} is 2 shirts, one table cloath about y^e length and breadth You wrote of, one table napkin & one crevate : I had sent two but y^t I know not w^t y^e fashion was, and fear'd y^e crushing of y^m in y^e Carriage. You may buy another with You more fashionable if you please, and have need or occasion for it. I pray present my service to y^r good tutor. I expect to hear of y^r health and well being and how You came to y^r hurt you mention'd in y^r writing. Thus (wth my blessing and daily praiers unto God for You) I rest y^r loving Mother whilst I am, Mary Brockbank, proprie. Witherslack, Octob. 3^d 1690. I pray take care of y^e table cloath for I make some store of it.

Dear and loving son, I had y^r Letter by Johnson, and also an other lately by y^e Post ; And according to y^r desire, I have sent you by y^e Carrier 3^d and have paid him for y^e Carriage of it, and of y^e Packet. Judeth Dawson hath sent you 1^s in remembrance of her love to You : You may do well to return her a Letter of thanks both for this and her former Kindness. George Hutton began to be indispos'd on friday about noon being y^e 15th of August, and on Saturday following about 8 a clock at night he died of an Apoplexie. He spake little after he began (I pray God fit us for our latter End). He was grown a pretty Young man, and was y^e head scholler but one in Kendall Schole. He was buried at Kendall on y^e 18th Aug. Richard Clarke of Milthorp was buried at Heversham y^e 17th of September. Remember me to y^r carefull Tutor, and tell him all his Relations wth us live well, and where y. did wⁿ he was here, except Mary who (as we hear) lives at Corby Castle ¹ in Cumberland. I pray God fit us all for eternal happiness. This day we are invited to y^e funerall of y^r & our true-hearted friend M^r Ja: Simpson who hath been out of health a long time being sometime better & some time wors, as it pleased God to visit him. This is all at present from y^r loving Father whilst I am Jo. Brockbanke. Kendale Octob. 4th (90).

I had y^s y^t followes at y^e same time by y^e Carrier.

Cousin Brockbank, Considering y^t writing is y^e only means whereby to continue Christian familiarity among distant Friends and Relations, I cannot but wth some repentance confess against myself y^t I have been much to blame to neglect oppertunity of writing wⁿ I might have had y^e Conveniency of such a Bearer as there is to Oxford, and humbly entreat y^r pardon : thô as for y^e last Journey's omission I was not alltogether blameable, for indeed I Knew nothing att all of his going till he was come again. Indeed Cousin I have had a desire almost ever since You went up, to have taken a journey to see how You live at y^e University but I have put off from time to time still thinking y^t at such a time I sho'd have more Liberty, but as y^e old Latin Proverb says Qui non est hodie &c.

¹ Corby Castle is in Cumberland about 4 miles S.E. of Carlisle. In 1690 it was the property of Francis Howard and is still vested in that family.

even so my Affaires, y^e longer I drive coming are still y^e more unfit to be left, y^t I am now affraid I shall never have y^e happiness to see You till it shall please God y^t You come down into y^e Country. This is all at present (save y^t my Mother desires to be remembred to you, still wishing You all health and happiness) from Sir, Y^r ever wellwishing Kinsman and humble servant Row: Tatham. Casterton October y^e 5th day 1690.

A great many Letters did miscary for This was y^e last y^t I receiv'd in y^e year 90 ; The following year I had more trouble with receiving and writing Letters, especially from and to M^r Bownes, who now liv'd at Shipson upon Stower¹ in Worcestersh. The first y^t I receiv'd was y^s y^t followes page 43 ♂.

April y^e 4th (91) Thomas, The Carrier did not bring my goods as I expected, I presume You did not meet wth him, because I order'd You to enquire for him att y^e Katherine wheel, whereas he lodges att y^e Plow. I pray do not fail to send y^m by y^s our Neighbour Joseph Higgins, and I desire You to give him a Plate or 2 of Beer. I am y^s day setting my things in order for my house. I have hired a serv^t, bought victuals, & other necessaries. W^a my Ale is ripe, I shall send for You and some friends. Distribute my services amongst my Friends. This is all at present from Y^r lov. Friend, E. Bownes. Direct y^e goods for me at y^e Parsonage house in Shipson, Worcestersh.

W^t Answer I return'd to y^s I Know not, but shortly after I receiv'd w^t followes from y^e bearer therein mentioned.

Shipspon upon Stower in Worcest. Ap. 18 (91). Thomas, I desire You to enquire at y^e ship for Letters. You need not open any of my Letters, but you may send them enclos'd in y^rs, as many as you please, at y^e charge of 2^d. acquaint M^r Thompson wth y^s. I pray give my service to S^r Grandorge, and tell him I sho'd be glad to see him. I am (in haste) Y^r affectionate friend E. Bowness. The bearer is M^r Kerie's Son, scholler to M^r Grub² of X^t Ch.

I answer'd y^s no doubt, and sho'd have receiv'd a reply by M^r Kerie's man but didn't ; however y^s came shortly after to my hands.

Shipspon upon Stower in Wor. Ap. 24 (91). Thomas, I writ to You last Monday by M^r Kerry's man, whither he is return'd or no I wot not. but I have receiv'd no answer as yet from You. I sent for a common praiser book, if You have not sent it allready, give it to y^e Post boy of Shipson and He'll bring it safe. Take care to carry y^e enclosed to y^e Post-house. Remember me wth my Love & Service to S^r Thompson, S^r Yates,³

¹ Shipston on Stour is a parish, etc., 6 miles E. of Chipping Campden.

² Mr. Grubbe (John), son of John G. of Acton Burnell, Salop ; matric. Christ Church, 20 May, 1664, aged 20 ; B.A. 1671, M.A. 1675 ; *d.* 2 April, 1697, aged 51 (Foster).

³ Sizar Yates appears to be the Thomas Yates, s. of Richard Y. of Morland, Westmoreland, who matric. at Queen's Coll. 20 Mar. 1683-84, aged 19 ; B.A. 1688-89 ; M.A. 1692 ; B. and D.D. 1708 ; Rector of Charlton-upon-Otmoor, Oxon. 1704 (Foster).

S^r Sympson and other Friends. The Provost I hope will preach for me to Morrow, if He stay all night. I am (in haste) Y^{rs} most affectionately E. Bowness.

One may well think some great matter was in agitation, wⁿ Letters were posted so fast betwixt us: and indeed it was too great as it happened. One to Madam Lowther¹ w^{ch} produc'd ill effects both to M^r Bownes and (for his sake) to me, was included in y^s y^t followes.

Shipson in Worc. Apr. y^e 29th (91). Thomas, I pray present y^e enclosed wth my humble service to M^{rs} Lowther, and desire her to acquaint our good Provost wth w^t I have writt, and to return an answer by You speedily. For y^e King shall Know it rather yⁿ I'll suffer dissembling Hypocrites any longer, to Kiss my hand and at last to cut my Throat. M^r Kery promis'd to let y^e Provost Know &c. but I believe he has not done it. He and M^r Smith are Confederates. I pray fail not to write by y^e next Post. Give my service to S^r Thompson and all Friends. I am—Y^{rs} E. Bownes.

I perform'd my Part thô I had been as well if I had not: but now I must to Shipson, here's an express for me.

Shipson upon Stower Worc. May 11th (91). Thomas, I was busied on Sat. so y^t I lost y^e opportunity of writing, but I hope You will be ready to set forward wthin an hour after You receive y^s. I have sent You an horse, and made preparation for y^r reception, and thô it be not according to y^r worth, yet I hope You'l be pleas'd to accept it, wth Kind hearty welcome from Y^r affectionate friend E. Bownes.

I took horse and set forward immediately for Shipson, where I liv'd wth M^r Bownes about a moneth: I forgot to insert one Letter from him in its proper place, w^{ch} was p. 41 ♂. And it was as followes.

Shipson in worcest. March 30th (91) ♂. Thomas, I had a very pleasant Journey to Tredding,² 20 miles from Oxon, 2 miles beyond Shipson, where I live. I was very Kindly receiv'd, & do not doubt, but y^t I shall live very happily, for M^r Kery and his wife are exceeding good natur'd wthout pride. The Quakers have built a schole so near my church, y^t I may hear y^m and y. me. I am told y^t 500 were at y^e meeting house all at one time. The Quaker scholemaster who has about 50 schollers w^m he teaches to read English, is communicated: [*sic*]: a second excommunication of y^e same person was to be read yesterday, but M^r Kery wo'd not read it, because he thought it wo'd be a diminution of his jurisdiction w^{ch} is Episcopal for 2 years ensuing. The Bp. can exercise no power in the Parish of Treddington, except in Every 3^d year, and y^e B^ps year expir'd at Lady day last, so y^t now we y^e Bp. & D^{rs} of y^e Diocess of Tred. do Keep our court, excommunicate, inflict church penalties and Censures as we please. We have 9 Towns wthin our Diocess of Tred. but half of y^e People are Quakers. I shall give You a further account in my next. Send my goods by Cookson, who

¹ She was sister of Timothy Halton, Provost of Queen's (*vide post*).

² Tredding appears to mean Treddington (in Worcestershire), 8 miles N.E. of Moreton in the Marsh, and 1½ miles N. of Shipston on Stour.

lodges at y^e Katherine wheel, goe immediately after y^e receipt of y^s. direct Y^{rs} to be left at y^e Post house in Shipson: scatter my service amongst my Friends S^r Thompson, M^r Jaques, S^r Yates, S^r Simpson &c. I am Y^{rs}. E. Bowness.

A while before y^s time Cos. Ned Speight (who now (96) lives at y^e fountain Tavern by Aldersgate) was wth me at Oxon in his Journey into y^e country; at his return he brought wth him to London the following Letter, and sent it me by y^e Post.

Dear Son, I wrote to You on May day last, w^{ch} I hope you have receiv'd. we had y^r packet of Books and Letters by y^e Carrier at Martinmas in safety, a book called y^e Countermine, D^r Tillotsons¹ work, Drexelius² upon Eternity, a book from y^r Tutor, a Letter wth y^{lr} Majesties picture for E.R. w^{ch} she had, a Letter for Judeth Dawson and an excellent piece of y^r own workmanship w^{ch} pleaseth me well, and it w^{ch} I admire, and so do all y^t see it. I was much troubled wⁿ I heard of y^r hurt You got by swinging, bl^{ss}ed be God for Y^r recovery, and let it be a warning to You to take heed of dangers. My Cosin Speight has brought us good newes of y^r health and good liking w^{ch} is great joy to us, bl^{ss}ed be God for it. If my Letters reach'd You, you might have seen therein, y^t Rob^t Cowhird is made freeman of Kendale, and y^t M^r Brownsword and he are become partners, and Keep y^e antient shop together w^{ch} was y^{lr} Masters, & bought most of y^e goods therein w^{ch} was y^{lr} Masters to y^e value of 4 or 400^l. And y^t You may direct Y^r Letters to him who hath written to You, if his proves not like mine. I purpose to send (God willing) by y^e Carrier w^t you write for. Our Schole is full and among y^e rest, we have a Yong man son of Rob^t Clark of Ingleton who designs for a schollar, and is very hopeful so to prove, if God be pleas'd to assist him in his labour; and Whereas Ed: Barwick is gone to Sedbergh schole, & I having furnished him wth bookes, we are at a want for some in our schole especially for Leonard Clark, and therefore wⁿ You find a convenient occasion, buy a Horace wth y^e best English y^t You can in prose, if not in verse; And a Hesiod, and if there be any book extant to explain it buy it and send y^m wⁿ You can conveniently, we have no haste but You may take y^r most convenient time both in buying and sending y^m. I have found great help in y^t piece of Isocrates y^t You exchanged wth M^r Robson, but Ed. Barwick hath it wth many more at present. Commend me to y^r Tutor, and tell him I wil (God assisting) give him account of his Aunts death wⁿ y^e carrier comes. And likewise remember me to M^{rs} Lowther whose motherly Kindness I will not forget. We are (by y^e goodness of God) very well. Our Cousin Speight has been twice to visit us, by w^m we wo'd have sent a token to have been Drunk wth You if he had been certain of coming by Oxford. This (wth our daily prayers and blessing) is all at present from Y^r Father and Mother John and Mary Brockbanke. Witherslack, May y^e 12th 91. Cosin Speight is y^e bearer of y^s.

¹ John Tillotson (1630-94), archbishop of Canterbury from 1690. (*D.N.B.*)

² Jeremias Drexelius of Ausgburg, S.J., d. 1638, aged 57. (*Nouveau Dictionnaire Historique . . . par. L. M. Chaudon et F. A. Delandine, 1804.*)

About y^s time Letters frequently miscarried, w^{ch} made my Father write y^e same things many times ; y^e following Letter I had by y^e Carrier wherein was something mention'd in y^e former w^{ch} I shall partly omitt.

Dear and loving Son, We had Y^r loving and welcome Letter dated y^e 7th of June, and I have sent You now by y^e Carrier, and paid him for y^e Carriage of it 10^s, 10^s, whereof y^r Mother in remembrance of her love to You hath sent You 5^s and $\frac{1}{2}$ crown thereof I send You to drink wth y^r Friend y^t bestowed y^e galliepot of conserves on You, if You think it convenient, and y^s enclosed Letter, otherwise burn it and Keep y^e Money. The miscarriage of my Letters causes me to make many Tautologies, however I have great hopes y^t y^s will reach You. We had y^r letter and packet &c. I writ to You on y^e 14 November and 23 Jan. We take all in good part y^t You and Y^r Tutor send. I writ on y^e first of May [These 3 Miscarried] Cousin Ed. Speight came y^e same day and told us y^t he din'd wth You on Palm Sunday ; He hath been three times here ; I writ by him [w^{ch} was y^e preceeding letter]. Ed. Barwick to Sedbergh &c. He hath 48 pair of verses 2 themes and one Oration to make for his Whitsuntide task &c. Leonard Clark &c. I sent y^e last time 2^s 6^d to drink wth You by M^{rs} Lowther, y^r Provosts¹ Sister, w^{ch} was not in my Letter, for I had seal'd my Letter before I Knew her or her Journey. You may direct Y^{rs} to Rob^t Cowhird &c. We hear y^t y^r Tutor is gone out of y^e Col. let us Know who is y^r Tutor ? How You do for cloathes ? and how You do for bedding ? for we understand y^t You have y^r chamber to y^r self. M^r Ridley of Heversham died a little after Christmas. M^r Ormerod * a little after Easter, and M^r Renny a little after Whitsuntide. I pray God fit us for our Latter End. W^t was y^r occasion into Worcestershire ? The Bp. is going by us in his visitation. We are all well hoping y^e same of You. And thus I have done, committing You to y^e good protection of Allmighty God, and rest y^r loving Father usque ad Aras, Jo. Brockbanke. Wither-slack, June 25th 1691. Edward Barwick desires to be remembred to You. You may seal Y^r Tutors Letter.

On y^e other side was y^s from my Mother (Patris digitis).

Loving Son, I was much troubled at y^e hearing of y^e sad hurt You got by swinging, and y^r Father much more, I pray You let it be a warning to You, to Keep you from undertaking any dangerous attempts. First consider how God att divers times, and in sundry places hath delivered You from many great and apparent dangers, and let it never depart out of y^r mind, but let it be a motive to stir you up to give him thanks & praise for ever. 2^{ly} w^t great pains and care I had with You, wⁿ You had need, and could not defend Y^rself : 3^{rdly} How by Nature You are inclin'd to undertake great attempts, and to excell others. Let y^e consideration of these things and severall other y^e like, be as so many motives and arguments to Keep You (through Gods assistance) from undertaking any perilous things, and to walk wisely and circumspectly wth God, and to desire him to Keep and preserve You from all dangers Ghostly and Bodily : And

¹ Timothy Halton. See note *supra*.

wⁿ You are enticed or tempted by others to any Kind of dangerous exercise, either in swimming or swinging, remember God & these lines, and abstain from all manner of dangerous exercises : we are far from You, and cannot afford You our help, and assistance. This wth w^t I have written wth my own hand, w^{ch} is herein enclos'd, is all at present (with my prayers and blessing) from y^r loving Mother Mary Brockbanke.

W^t My Mother writ wth her own hand was as followes.

Witherslack June 25th 1691. Dear Son, I being constrain'd to write these two lines to let You Know y^t I did often put y^r Father in Mind of writing to You, as You desir'd me, and so he hath done, but his Letters hath mis-carried often, w^{ch} has been some trouble to us. The fault was not in him. However we are glad y^t yours come to us : I have sent you a small token a crown-piece of Money w^{ch} I do not send to supply y^r wants, but y^t You may Know y^t You have a Mother which hath You often in her mind. This is all at present from Y^r Mother, Mary Brockbanke.

In y^s Letter was enclos'd one to my Tutor w^{ch} he had, and one to Madam Lowther W^{ch} was never delivered. My Tutor still continuing at Shipson sent for some things w^{ch} I gave y^e Post to carry him : where-upon he writ y^e following Letter.

Shipsen upon Stower July 25th (91). Thom, Y^{rs} I receiv'd y^s morning wth a book, shirt, seal and a Letter from S^r Thompson ; but my band, shoes and whip I have not receiv'd. I desire You or S^r Thompson to maul y^e Post-boy for his Knavery, and send y^m by Higgins on Mond or Tuesd. Give my service to S^r Yates, and tell him to spead to M^r Lancaster, and get y^e money y^t was left unpd I mean part of my exhibition due at Lady day (90) M^r Lancaster will not take it a miss, because He is agoing out of Town. If S^r Yates will Speak to y^e Bourser, and Know w^t my Dividend comes to wth battles both mine and y^{rs} and Scots, & chamber rent, and how much my exhibition, and send me account I can order further. Desire S^r Yates to take y^e trouble upon him and (If I live) I'l requite him. I am Y^{rs} Ed: Bowness. My service to M^r Jacques, tell him to write. Give my service to S^r Thompson, S^r Yates, S^r Simpson & all Friends. I do not know how much of my exhibition is in M^r Lancasters hand, S^r Yates may modestly ask how much, and no doubt M^r Lancaster will tell him, and paie it.

Because of y^e frequent miscarriing of Letters, my Father writt to Cos. Speight and enclos'd one in his Letter for me, w^{ch} I safely receiv'd, wth one from Cos. Speight. That from my Father was as followes.

Loving Son, We had y^r Letters on S^t James day, and y^r packet of Bookes on Lammas day, both gave us good content. But Leonard Clark for whom I intended y^e Bookes, is much discouraged, by y^e death of his Father Rob^t Clark of Ingleton qui obiit decimo sexto Julij. Y^e Young man is in y^e way of being a scholler, but is likely to want some assistance therein by reason of y^e death of his Father. The Money You write for I purpose

(Deo volente) to send wⁿ the Carrier comes : And because y^e Letter came to y^r hand w^{ch} I sent by my Cousin Speight $\bar{g}\bar{o}$ I make bold to trouble him wth y^s also, not doubting but y^t he wil send it wth care after it comes to his hands. We are well blessed be God for it. This (wth our daily prayers and blessing) is all at present from y^r dear parents, Jo: & M. Brockbank. Witherslack August 7th 1691. You may do well to send y^e particular prices of y^e new books because it may be y^t I may pt wth some of them. J.B.

The Letter y^t at y^s time I receiv'd from Cos. Speight was in these or y^e like wordes.

Dear Cosin, Having so Kind an entertainment when I saw You last, but not being a propper day for to see all Y^r Famous Colleges, I design to give You an other visit this Bartholomewtide. But as I remember you were a discoursing y^t You wo'd see London shortly ; If You continue Y^r Resolution I wo'd have you to come to see our Fair : It begins on Bartholomew day, and holds a fortnight. Cosin, if You will be so Kind as to come I will wait on you back again and stay a day or 2. wth You at Oxford. I made a long stay in y^e Country wⁿ I was there last, for I was most part of a weeks time att Y^r Fathers, where y. wo'd be very glad to see You. Cosin it is a great trouble to Y^r Relations y^r being absent so long, especially to y^r Mother, who told me wth Tears in her eyes y^t she was affraid y^t she sho'd never see You again. Y^r Father and Mother is mightily broke since You saw y^m, and was desirous y^t I sho'd see You again as I came up and y^t we sho'd be better acquainted, but I was disappointed by comeing ; but in hopes y^t I shall see You here, and y^t You will make as speedy a return as You can to y^r Fathers house, I remain, S^r, Y^{rs} to command, Edw. Speight. Aug. 13th 92. From y^e Castle Tavern In Pater Noster Row London.

The next was this from M^r Bowness.

Shipson upon Stower in Worcest. Aug. 22^d (91). Thomas, I pray speak to S^r Yates and desire him to see about my accounts w^t is to be done as soon as may be. He may acquaint y^e Bursar y^t I was at Oxon to wait upon him, and $\bar{g}\bar{o}$ I hope he will spare me a 2^d Journey. Give my Humble Service to S^r Thomlinson and service to Rob^t Jacques, and tell him I expected to see him at Shipson on y^s day. Scatter my service amongst my Friends. Let me hear from You the next Post. I am Y^{rs} E. Bowness. Tel S^r Thomlinson y^t his stockins are done, and y^t y. will be sent to him y^e next week. See if You can have any 2^d hand chaires at 1^s 6^d or 8^d a piece, and send me word.

About y^e 18th of September (I think) I began to be indisposed, and was disorder'd for 2 or 3 daies ; and because y^e smallpox was very rife in Town I had some feares of y^m wherefore I sent for my Apothecary Hopkins and he told me y^e smallpox were appearing on my face. I desir'd him to get a Nurse for me, w^{ch} he did ; and he accompanied me to her house (as I remember) on St Mathew day. I grew very ill,

and not very sensible ; in y^e evening S^r Teasdale ¹ &c came to see me, and sent immediately for D^r Frie, who came and order'd me to be blooded, as I was by D^r Woods ; The D^r was very carefull of me, he went himself to y^e Apothecaries, and because his drugs were not very good, (wth y^e advice of My Tutor, who was now come from Shipson to look after me) he order'd M^r Reeks to make up something for me. I lay very dangerously ill (y^e D^r despair'd of my life one night, as I afterwards was told) for 3 weekes ; wⁿ I got up I was so weak y^t my back wo'd not bare my shoulders, and I co'd not go wth supporters ; But I now recover'd fast, and about y^e months end y^e carrier came up, and brought me y^e following L^{ets}.

Loving Son, According to y^r desire I have sent You by y^e Carrier Tho. Burnyeat 10^l wth w^{ch} You may pay y^r debt, and I have paid y^e Carrier for his paines in bringing it. I need say nothing concerning the packet you sent y^e last time by y^e Carrier because I perceive by Y^{rs} of the 13^d of Sept^r y^t You had mine, w^{ch} made mention of y^e bookes You want. But I am a little surprised, and not only so but wonder y^t You sho'd write so much concerning our disquiet and discontent, for to tell You y^e truth in few words, we (by y^e blessing of God) are in good health, and wel content, but we cannott but now and yⁿ remember our children &c. You tel me of some Newes wth You, & I will tell you of some wth us. Isabel Harrison is married to Edward Barwick of Fairrigg ; y^r Cos. Emma Brockbank to Jo: Kellet of Lindale : ² Elizabeth Robinson to Tho. Atkinson ; M^r Miers late of y^r house hath gotten Hawkside ³ school. You write y^t You may go into Worcestershire y^s winter ; if so I sho'd Know y^e time of y^r Absence, lest wⁿ I write You be not in y^e College. Y^r Cos Ann Thornburrow is married to Rob^t Willan, and she hath a son. Judith Dawson hath sent You 1^s w^{ch} You shall find in y^e toe of y^r stocking. In my last I wished You to send me y^e prices of y^e New bookes you sent. Thus I commend You to God and rest Y^r Loving Father John Brockbanke. Witherslack, Octob. 2^d 1691.

On y^e reverse side was y^s y^t followes from my Mother Patriis digitis subscribed proprijs.

Dear Son, By y^e Carrier I have sent You 2 shirts, and one pair of white stockings w^{ch} are of my own work : You may die y^m w^t colour You please, y^e time between y^e coming of y^r Letter and y^e going of y^e carrier was too short to get y^m died in. I pray have a care of y^r health, and y^r welfare, and walk in y^e fear of God so y^t he may be y^r guide continually, and yⁿ it will be well for You both here and hereafter for ever. This, with my blessing and Daily prayers unto allmighty God for You is all at present

¹ Apparently identical with William Teasdel, son of Christopher T. of Stockbridge, Westmoreland : matric. Queen's Coll. 10 July 1685, aged 16 ; B.A. 1690 ; M.A. 27 Feb. 1693-94 (Foster).

² Lindale is a hamlet in the parish of Cartmel.

³ Hawkshead, a parish in North Lancashire at the head of Esthwaite, and 5 miles S.W. of Ambleside, is probably intended.

from y^r Kind hearted Mother, Mary Brockbanke. Remember us both to y^r Tutor. The stuff You sent I have made an under waistcoat of. M.B.

These letters came from home e'r y. there Knew of my Illness, thô y^e carrier told me, he heard at Kendal y^t I was dead, but 'twas Kept from my Parents. Wⁿ I began to amend, my Tutor wrote to my Father; he wo'd have written sooner, but I w'd not let him; The 10^l my Father sent me was quickly gone; for my nurse had 25^s y week for a month, Hopkins a guinea, Reeke's bill was upward of 4^l. Y^e Surgeon 5^s 6^d. The D^r 4 guineas besides other expenses, and g^o I borrow'd some money of y^e Carrier wth w^m I writ, to satisfie my Friends of my recovery; The answer to w^{ch} Letter was in y^e following wordes.

Dear Son, I met wth y^r welcom Letter at Kendall on y^e 28th of October & y^e Money You had borrowed of Thomas Burnyeats I sent to R^t Cowhird on Saturday following, and on Tuesday y^e 3^d of November T. Berry had y^e money, for on Saturday y^e 7th of 9^r I had y^r note to Burnyeats wth his receipt for y^e money, and a Letter from y^r Tutor and You w^{ch} was very welcome. I had desired my Father to wait y^e coming of y^e Carrier att Kirby w^{ch} he did, and spent 1^s on him; He told him of y^r Condition and where You were, but y^t You co'd not write for Y^r eyes, but Y^r grandfather being wth us at Witherslack wⁿ y^r said Letter came, saw and heard y^e contrary, blessed be God for y^r recovery who hath been very mercifull both to You and us, to bring You through so great affliction, for he is y^e best Physitian, and therefore let us allways remember to give him thanks & praise, and have a care of y^rself for y^e Future. Y^r Tutor was speaking of y^r coming down into y^e Country; but I cannot see y^t convenient for You by reason of y^r Inability, and y^e unseasonableness of y^e weather, w^{ch} often happens att y^t time of y^e year. I think wⁿ You have taken Y^r Degree, or in Summer, may be better; but I will let y^t alone to God and y^r self. M^{rs} Kat. Leyburn¹ is married to one D^r Witham,² a Yorkshire Gentleman, who intends to live amongst us. He hath wth y^e other 2 Sisters³ about y^e Demesne. M^r George Leyburn⁴ wth his family, lives on

¹ Katherine Leyburn was daughter and eventually sole heiress of Thomas Leyburn of Witherslack (who *d.* 1672) by Dorothy his wife, dau. of William Lascelles of Brakenboro', co. York.

² Dr. Witham is Marmaduke, younger son of George Witham of Cliffe, co. York, as is noted above. He owned and lived at Preston Hall, Preston-on-Tees, co. Durham.

³ The other two sisters (of Catherine Leyburn) were Elizabeth and Anne who both *d.* unm.

⁴ George Leyburn (*d.* 1704) was eldest son of John Leyburn of Cunswick, the purchaser of Witherslack, by his second wife Mary Crofte of Cloughton (in Lonsdale): the first wife was Catherine Carus of Halton (near Lancaster), who was mother of Thomas Leyburn of Cunswick and Witherslack, and of John Leyburn, Bishop of Adrumetum, and Vicar Apostolic. George L. was also of Nateby near Garstang and *d.* in 1704. He had issue, a son John, who *d.s.p.*, and 4 daughters of whom Mary, wife of Marmaduke Tunstall of Barningham, co. York, *d.s.p.*; and Anne, who was wife of Thomas Walton of Winder. Their dau. Anne married

John Bownes's Estate at Lowwood. Anthony Strickland went to his own estate at Hartbarrow a year and $\frac{1}{2}$ since. Let me know y^r wants at or agst y^e Carrier's return. This hath and doth trouble us much y^t we who have been much helpfull to others in y^{l^r} Weakness, wⁿ it is our own Sons condition, we can afford him no help, but herein is our comfort, y^t God, on w^m we depend is all sufficient, and near to all y^t stand in need. I hope by y^s time You will be come into y^e Col. This (wth our continual prayers and blessing) is all at present from y^r loving Father, Jo: Brockbanke. Witherslack, Novemb^r 20. 1691. Y^r hair may come off y^r head, after y^e (Small) pox: if You cut it, and get a wigg, it wo'd do well.

On y^e reverse of y^s was one for my Tutor wherein my Father thank'd him for his care over me. E^r y^e receipt of y^s Letter I was remov'd from my old Quarters (widdow Tiplers in Coach and horses lain) to Henry Clinches in S^t Clements for airing, where I staid 1 month at y^e rate of 12^s y week. Here I purg'd and was cleans'd; and lay on great expences. In all my Illness cost me betwix 20 and 30^l. In y^e beginning of December I came into y^e Coll. but did not appear publickly for some time. The next letter y^t I received was y^s (w^{ch} had some inclos'd for M^r —— &c) y^t followes from my Tutor.

Shipson upon Stower in Worcest. Dec. 12 (91). I pray (Thómas) send y^e enclos'd to y^e Post and deliver y^e other to my son (S^r Thomlinson) wthout delay. Write an answer by y^e Post, and give an account from S^r Yates (or desire him to do it) of my expences Thir. Last. I am, Y^{rs} Ed. Bowness.

W^t followes was by y^e Carrier.

Dear Son, I had y^r Letter wherein You express y^e manner of y^r Sickness (blessed be God who brought You through so great dangers) wth y^r Bil of expences. I am well pleas'd y^t You got a coat and a wigg for y^r necessity. Y^r Tutor hath been here, (he came on y^e 4th of June) who is freely willing to bring You money wth him to discharge y^r expences, and he intends to be here again about y^e 27th of y^s month, and wⁿ he comes we will advise about y^r Continuance on y^e foundation. If I did know y^r mind, I co'd better tell w^t to say and do therein; but if You be not freely willing to continue on, we do not matter it, but had rather y^t You Sho'd leave it, att or before y^e Election for Tabiters and take y^r degree, and at a convenient time come down. And if you please (Deo Secundante) you may go up again and stay till you be master. Do not frett nor grieve by any means if you miss of being Tabiter, for (blessed be God) You are otherways provided for, for we matter it not. I had y^r Letter by y^r Tutor, and wo'd have paid him y^e 5^l 10^s w^{ch} You write of, but he wo'd not have it til he came again. I have by y^e carrier T. B. Sent you 10^s to help You wth in y^s storm, and wⁿ Y^r Tutor comes yⁿ I will send You more. This (wth our

first Geo. Anne of Frickley, co. York; and secondly Thomas Cholmeley of Brandsby, co. York. Their only child (a daughter) died young. (Nicolson & Burn, *Hist. of Westmoreland*.)

daily prayers unto God for You and our blessing) is all at present from y^r loving Father Jo: Brockbank. Witherslack Feb. 12th 1691.

At y^e Same time I received y^{rs} allso by y^e Carrier.

Cousin Brockbanke, Omitting y^t we are all generally glad for y^r Recovery out of y^r late sickness, I make bold in haste to trouble You wth a line or 2 thereby to importune You to take a piece of trouble upon You (*i.e.*) If You would please to take y^t pains for me as to buy me a little book (if it be to be had) called practicall gauging epitomiz'd, set forth by Will. Hurst, and likewise to send me a map of y^e shapes and demensions of all sorts of squares and solids, such as there are two folded in an other book called y^e Gaugers Magazine, set forth by y^e same Author W. H. But if You co'd get y^e Gaugers magazine (tho' 2^d handed) for a couple of shillings, it wo'd do as well or better. Cousin I have but sent 2^s but if You can procure a Gaugers magazine 2^d handed for some small matter more let Tho: Burnyeats lay it down, and I will repay it (wⁿ he brings ye book) wth all possible Thankfulness. Thus hoping You will not fail in Sending y^e one, this is all at present but my Mothers daily wishes for Y^r health and welfare and y^e service of him who is Y^r troublesome Kinsman and serv^t, Row: Tatham. Casterton, 14 day Feb. 1691.

See y^e next page.⊙

Before y^e Carrier left Oxon My Tutor came up but instead of y^e 20^l I sho'd have had by him, I got onely y^s following Letter.

Dear Son, I writ to you by Thomas Burnyeate, and by him sent You 10^s, and I have now 20^l ready to send You by y^r Tutor : but here are many Souldiers in y^e *country* rode, so y^t we are somew^t dubious to sent it, and gō w^t y^r Tutor and You can prevail wth T. Burnyeat take of him, and he shall have y^e money at Kirkby ready wth my father Willan, to w^m You may write by y^e said Thomas. Y^r good Friends Robert Bownes and y^r old schole-fellow Edw. Cowhird have sent you either 1^s to drink ; Y^r Grandfather T. Willan is here, who desires to be remembred unto You. And we have considered of y^r continuance on y^e foundation, and our conclusion is this ; That we leave You to y^e good providence of God, your Tutors advice, and y^r own free will. But it is all our minds y^t if at y^e Election You miss, not to let it trouble you in y^e least, for doubt not but God will provide for You. My Father hath sent you 1^s to drink. This (wth our daily prayers and blessing) is all at present from y^r Parents and Grandfather, Jo: Brockbank, Mary Brockbank, & Thomas Willan. Witherslack, Feb. 29th 1691.

The next (and last y^t I receiv'd dated this year) was w^t followes, by y^e Post.

Dear Son, I have receiv'd y^r Letter and y^r Almanacks, wth y^e Directions, and y^e small implements for printing, but we cannot print wth y^m. I did perceive y^r Indigency, and wo'd willingly have helped You but at y^e distance cold not. Y^r Tutor had 1^l from me, for y^r use, upon y^e reckoning between his two mares. For I paid Peter Kellet 3^l 10^s for his Mare,

and was to receive in p^t from Rob^t Bowness 2^l 10^s for y^r Tutors Mare, so there is 1^l for Y^r use in y^r Tutors hand. You write y^t y^r Tutor hath but 30^s bidden for his mare, but if You can buy such an one wⁿ You have occasion for 40^s You may have a good bargain of her here. This day I paid 20^l to M^r Joseph Sympson Maior of Kendale and he tels me y^t You have it allready ; and I am much oblig'd unto him, for he freely gave me y^e costs for y^e return of it. This (wth my, and y^r dear Mothers blessing and daily prayers unto God for Y^r health and happiness, desiring You to let us Know how you received y^e Money and w^t You want) is all at present from y^r dear Father, Jo: Brockbanke. Kendale March 23 (91).

This y^t followes sho'd have been placed p. 54 after y^t from Cos. Rowland, but y^e mistake in y^e date was y^e reason I there omitted it.¹Ⓞ

M^r Thomas Brockbanke. Having so short time, yet co'd not let opportunity pass to present these lines to You, as a hearty token of my unfeigned love to You, and my hearty Joy, y^t y^e great God of Mercy hath been pleas'd to raise You up from death to life again. Oh ! y^t You may dedicate y^r whole time to his Glory ; it has been the daily prayers of y^r grandfather for You, tho I was unworthy to begg any such mercy, yet I was persuaded, and did believe y^e Lord wo'd hear me, because my heart did burn wthin me for You, and y^e God of Mercy did inflame my desires by his holy Spirit, so y^t I was even ravish'd in Spirit day and night for You, til God was pleas'd to grant some return of my prayers. Now since God has been pleas'd to give you returns of his Mercy, let us be as diligent to joyne together to give him thanks and praise for his goodness towards you, for it is from him we receive all our mercies, therefore to him let us return all our praises.—I perceive by Y^r last Letter by y^r Tutor, y^t You have some thoughts to continue on y^e foundation of y^r Coll. But I pray weigh all circumstances : God has provided for You a good lively-hood in y^r Native country : if You sho'd get a fatt benefitt in y^e Coll : You have no need of it ; neither have You brother or Sister to leave it to, beside y^r Father and mother have no more but You, and if You stay in y^e Col. they will be deprived wholly of y^r Society : I know it is neither y^r Parents mind nor mine. But this I shall wave to an other Opportunity, and shall break of abruptly, desiring two lines from You by y^e Bearer, and shall ever remain, Y^r loving Grandfather Tho: Willan. Kirby, y^e 14 of Feb. 92 (for 91).

The 20^l my Father return'd me by M^r Sympson I received from S^r Rob^t Harrison : I writt to him of y^e receipt thereof, but it fail'd in carriage ; And I receiv'd no Letter from him till y^e carrier brought me y^s y^t follows.

Loving Son, This day I receiv'd y^r welcome Letter of y^e 5th of y^s present June. I sent You by return 20^l on y^e 23^d of March 91 : and expected to have heard from You, wⁿ and how You receiv'd it. On y^e 25th of April (92) I writ to You to know y^r wants agst y^e coming of y^e carrier ; but since y^e coming of y^e Carrier y^e last time I have had nothing from You,

¹ See letter, dated 14 Feb. 1691.

w^{ch} makes us wonder very much : We fear you pore to much upon y^e Foundation, w^{ch} we esteem not, neither wo'd we have You to value it. And whereas You think You shall be put by y^r Tabiters place, if You be we are well content wth it. You let me Know in general of y^r wants, but w^t in particular I Know not : however towards y^e Supply of y^r wants, I have now sent you by ye Carrier 10^l and paid him for y^e Carriage of it. Yo write y^t my writing to M^r Betway, y^t his Mare is well, may do some Injury to y^r Tutor, w^{ch} I sho'd be sorry for, to do hurt to my Friend ; And gō y^t You may see by M^r Betwayes letter to me y^t he Knew y^t his mare was well, and y^t by M^r Bownes's Word or letter to him, and to y^s end y^t You may see it, I have left y^r Tutors Letter unseal'd, w^{ch} You may peruse, and seal. This day we came both to Kendal, expecting to meet wth a Letter from You, w^{ch} we did : and also to meet y^e carrier. And y^s is all at present (wth our prayers and blessing) from y^r dear Parents while we are, Jo: and Mary Brockbanke. Kendale, June 18, 1692.

This Petway my Father mentions, was a man of Shipson, of w^m M^r B^s¹ borrow'd a Mare to go for y^e North, and wⁿ he was about to return again she got a prick in her foot or some such thing, w^{ch} made her halt a little, And he fearing she was lame, sould her and got an other (see p. 54).² Petway was sore displeas'd about his Mare, and writt to my Father &c. E'r I receiv'd more Letters There was an Election for Tabiters : six stood and I was y^e 5th. And there being but room for 4, I was Left or Senior pore child ; but not willing to stay any longer under y^t Slavery, I took my B.A. degree wth y^e Tabiters.—M^r Tho: Rain³ while he staid in y^e College was my Bed-fellow, and wⁿ gone he frequently writ to me, but I have lost most of his Letters ; one I have Kept writt next to me in y^e following wordes.

Paulspury August y^e 2^d. D^r Chum, I cannot tell whether it will be convenient for You or us to Sel my bookes, since you are Knighted. I think You had better employ any honest fellow y^t You can trust to Sel y^m if You have not Sold y^m already. I want Some bookes y^t I Know viz. Masino, Ruvio, & Pitt : Scott I think, has got my Regius Logic. I left wth M^r Allason⁴ wⁿ he lived above D^r Crosthwaite,⁵ some bookes w^{ch} M^r Waugh⁶ sho'd have had viz. Stokes [?] Philosophy &c.—These Souldiers

¹ Bowness.

² P. 54 of MS. See letter dated 23 March ('91).

³ Thomas Raine was s. of Henry R. of Murton, co. Westmoreland ; matric. Queen's Coll. 29 Oct. 1686, aged 18 ; B.A. 1690 ; Vicar of Potterspury, co. Northampton 1693, till his death in 1707 (Foster).

⁴ John Allason son of John A. of Loudwater, Cumberland ; matric. Queen's Coll. 18 Dec. 1682, aged 15 ; M.A. 1690 ; B. and D.D. 1699 ; Rector of Middleton in Teesdale, co. Durham 1700 (Foster).

⁵ Thomas C. ; matric. Queen's Coll. 10 Mar. 1656-57 ; B.A. 1660-61 ; M.A. 1664 ; D.D. 1684 ; principal of St. Edmund Hall 1684-85 ; Canon of Exeter 1678 ; will proved at Oxford 1710 (Foster).

⁶ John Waugh, s. of J. W. of Appleby, Westmoreland ; matric. Queen's Coll. 4 April 1679, aged 18 ; B.A. 1684 ; M.A. 1687 ; fellow 1688 ; proctor 1695 ; B.D. and D.D. March, 1698-99 ; Rector of St. Peter's, Cornhill, 1704 ; Canon of Lincoln 1718 ; Dean of Gloucester, 1720 ; Bishop of Carlisle 1723, until his death 29 Oct. 1734 ; bur. at St. Peter's, Cornhill (Foster).

are under Major Generall Allasons command. If You have not sold Bithners Lyra Prophetica Heb. Gr. & Psal. I would not have You to sell y^m unless You can have a very good price for them. I had a Sandersons Physics and Scheillers compendium. I wish wth all my heart You co'd find y^m and send y^m to me. I believe Jos. Nickolson Knowes who has or who had my Masino and Rivio. If You find y^m disband y^m y. are rebellious Rascals. I wish You a good Market. Y^r serv^t to command, Tho: Raine. Chum I desire You to write to me by Hickman as often as You have opportunity. Tho: Raine.

The next was y^s from my Father.

Loving Son, We understod by y^r Tutors Letter y^t You had taken y^r B.A. degree. And therefore we expected y^t You being at Liberty wo'd have come wth Tho: Burnyeats; But not coming wth him, and you write y^t You will come wⁿ we please, we think it fit y^t You come wth y^e Kendale Carrier from Northampton. You may learn w^t night y. ly there, for weekly one or other of y^m is there, or you may write to y^r lodging in London to Know w^t night y. will be there, and y^t y. may get You a horse to come wth y^m to Kirby or Kendall. The price y. usually take for a horse from Kendall to London is 17 or 18^l they maintaining y^e horse in y^e Journey. Or if You can find out any better way to come, it will do well, y^t You may stay wth us y^s winter. You sel horses cheap at Oxford sometime, and why may not you buy cheap allso wⁿ occasion happens; and You that are not tied to a day or a week may watch such an opportunity sometime, yet we wo'd not have You to come alone, but wth y^e Kendall Carrier or some other good company. But if You cannot find out a way convenient, yⁿ write back, and we will agree wth some Carrier at Kendall to meet You wth a horse at Northampton, and You may hire a horse from Oxford to Northampton; so expecting either to see You or hear from You att convenience (wth our Service to y^r Tutor and our blessing and prayers unto God for You) we rest y^r Parents Jo: and Mary Brockbank. But notwithstanding all y^s if You Know of any reason why You cannot conveniently come, let us Know, and we shall be satisfied. w^{ch} may be more for y^r advantage, to stay at Coll. y^s winter, or to continue till You take y^r Masters degree. But whereas You write That now you are more at Liberty yⁿ formerly, we desire that You wo'd use it, for y^e glory of God, and be moderate, remembering y^r antient solidity and modesty. And w^t allmighty God is pleas'd out of his infinite wisdom to put into y^r heart, to practice y^r learning therein, whether it be divinity, Physic, or schole shall content us, so y^t it may be for Gods glory, his peoples good and y^r comfort. Let y^e fear of God be allways in y^r heart, and let it be y^r chief study to please him, and y^t he may guide you by his precious word, direct You by his holy Spirit, and instruct You by his heavenly council, y^t You may so live here to his glory, y^t hereafter you may live in his Glory for ever more. Have a care of y^r health, and remember y^e many hurts you have had since we saw you; This from y^r Parents J: M: B. George Ward being almost left alone, his wife and his sonnes being dead and his daughters married except 2 of y^e youngest, And gō not able to manage y^e estate, I have leas'd it to John Dickenson, for three years, who hath somewhat advanced y^e

rent: However George lives wth his daughters in y^e Parlours end, w^{ch} he takes of y^e said John Dickenson. This is all from y^r Father John Brockbanke. Witherslack Aug 6th 1692.

Sometime e^r y^s Prince M^r of y^e Mermaid Tavern brought a Token from London from Cos. Speight to be drunk wth me. He acquainted me y^t my Cos. had married a rich widdow and Kept y^e Fountain tavern near Aldersgate; hereupon I writt him y^s Letter.

S^r. Perhaps You may think it is very odd I sho'd bid an old married man Joy, but You must excuse, for I cannot divine, w^t are peoples fortunes in y^e world, and otherwise I cannot tell how to have Known Y^{rs}. However, thò I be (perhaps) y^e very last to congratulate y^r good fortune, and give You Joy, yet be assur'd I do it most sincerely, even from y^e bottom of my heart. Pardon me, dear Cousin, for my so long Silence, and do not impute it to my neglect or disesteem, but only to my misfortune; for I have had a great mind very oft to give You the trouble of a line or two, but was either hindred by business or sickness, or some other accident, y^t allways frustrated my designs. The small pox did once and again retard my pen; for after I was pretty well recover'd, my eyes were so weak, y^t I durst not dare Employ y^m abt any such small objects as letters are. I believe You never had any good Idea of my countenance imprinted in y^r mind, but if ever You had I am sure y^t Since y^e Small Pox, y^t Earthly purgatory, nay y^t Hell upon Earth, You wo'd by no means Know me: yet I am stil y^e same most entirely at y^r command, and most oblig'd for y^r Kindness, especially y^r last, for w^{ch} I return You as many thanks, as I am able, together wth all those healths M^r Prince and I wish'd You, and y^r spouse in a pint of Canary. S^r I'll assure you y^t I took y^s y^r Kindness as a singular Favor, but you wo'd have 10 times more oblig'd me wth a line or 2 from y^r dear self: Do not g^o deny me y^t honour for y^e future, but let me hear from You sometimes lest y^t small acquaintance, we once had, dwindle away to nothing. I am resolv'd it shall not faill on my part, and if You think it not convenient to put y^r self to y^e trouble of writing, yⁿ send me my Letters y^t I write to You back again y^t I may have y^e honour to receive something from You. If You have any service to command me into y^e country, I shall be ready to serve You. I think I shall take a journey about October into y^e North. M^r Prince gives his service to You and y^r Lady, & pray present my humblest duty to Y^r better half, and as for y^r self I hope You are persuaded allready y^t I am S^r, Y^r most humble most obedient and most dutiful Serv^t & Kinsman T. B.

The same day I writ to my Parents as followes.

Honoured Parents, Liberty is a thing w^{ch} every animate creature does naturally desire yea and even vegetables themselves allso seem to have a great tendency towards it; But man, y^e perfection of y^e vast creation, who is endow'd wth a rationall soul does more eagerly persue freedom, because he has Knowledge and g^o can give a just estimate of y^e true value thereof. Now, how happy may I account my self who now enjoy a full and free Arbitrament, whilst I see others labour even under an Egyptian

Bondage? How ought I to congratulate my own fortune? nay how ought I to offer whole Hecatombs of Thanks to Heaven for such great such unaccountable Favours? And ought I not to bring some small offering of gratitude to y^e Instruments y^t Heaven has used to procure me such felicity? Sure I ought, sure I am oblig'd to return you hourly thanks and dutifull obedience for y^e great Liberty You allow me. This ought to (and I hope will) make more obsequious to y^r pleasure, yⁿ any severity wo'd do, and w^t You advise or desire me to do but in reason sho'd stand for a Law *Vestra mihi filio stat pro ratione voluntas*. Therefore since You think fit I sho'd come down by y^e Carrier, it is but right I sho'd think so too: However because You give me leave to declare my sentiments, I shall, wth all submission, produce my opinion, w^{ch} in Short is, y^t I do not see it very convenient to come by y^e Carrier, my reasons are drawn from divers Topics; for first, I am not altogether in readiness to begin so long a Journey; and 2^d want of Money does present itself as a pressing Argument: But supposing y^e Carrier wo'd defray all charges, yet 3^{ly} I sho'd be loath to ride y^e wooden horse (such are most Pack horses) for indeed I never was conversant in military discipline, and by consequence, can not be thought worthy of so vile a punishm^t. But tho' these may Seem to be nullius pretii argumenta, yet I do not see any haste of my Journey before Burnyeats come, and yⁿ perhaps Fortune may oblige one wth a good bargain; some Freshmans horse or y^e like may be had at an ordinary price; and to have one of my own I think much better yⁿ to borrow. Besides, y^e Carriers are birds all of one Feather, all R——es,¹ and wo'd cheat me even before my Face, so y^t I love to have as little to do wth such sort of Animals as possible. I co'd urge more Arguments for my opinion, but one word from You is able to quash 10000 of 'em. My Cosin Speight sent me by one of his own Profession who lives in Oxon. 1^s to drink his health: He has married a rich widdow: now Keeps y^e Fountain Tavern near Aldersgate London: I am (because my hand is in) just going to congratulate his good fortune in a line or two &c.

This was y^e substance of my Letter to my Father and Mother, w^{ch} I sent away: but y^e weather coming on good, my Tutor must needs have me to buy a horse, and set forward immediately: We bought a Mare for 6^l and he was bound for paym^t, and there was nothing but mount and away. Mr Dalton² of Shap had brought his son to town and so I got his and his 2 horses company: but one had been much less trouble yⁿ 2 were: one tir'd y^e 2^d day, and we came together a footmans pace to Newcastle, where I lost him, and was overtaken soon after by an honest London Joyner call'd Huet who accompanied me as far as Far as Preston Whether I was got e'r my Father receiv'd my Letter as I understood afterwards; on Tuesday I got home, where no body Knew me. My First business here was to get money to send

¹ ? Rogues.

² The father was Henry Dalton, Vicar of Shap, Westmoreland; the son (John) matric. Queen's Coll. 10 Oct. 1692, aged 16; B.A. from St. Edmund Hall 22 Mar. 1696-97; Vicar of Deane, Cumberland 1705; Rector of Distrington 1712 (Foster).

by y^e carrier to pay for my Mare &c, and 10^l I got w^{ch} wth y^e following letter, I directed to M^r Bowness.

Witherslack Octob. 1st (92). S^r. I hope You will take it as no Trouble to receive money, at least not at y^s time wⁿ it growes so scarce, and hard to come by. I have gō sent You a little now by y^e Carrier, and do leave it to y^r discretion to dispose of, not doubting but you Know how to employ 10^l for my use ; however be sure to serve y^rself first. My Mare is somew^t better like yⁿ wⁿ You saw her last, and I do not fear to have any il bargain of her ; I must acknowledge my self much obliged to You and M^r Jaques (to w^m pray present my humblest service) for helping me to such an able beast. Y^r Cousins wth us are well, as is allso y^r quondam mare, w^{ch} I have heard our D^r commend very much, all y^e fault is she is scarce swift enough for a Gentlem^s Pad. Cos. Rob^t and I have had some thoughts of taking a Journey Northwards now after Harvest, but whether we shall put our thoughts in execution, I Know not. I have some small concerns about Oxon, but I dare not presume to trouble You wth any such frivolous matters : only if You please You may send a boy to my Nurse Typlet, and desire her to send You y^e sheet she has of mine, and pay her for her labour. We have no newes in y^s country &c.

In answer to y^s I receiv'd y^e next.

Queens Coll. in Oxon. Nov. 8th (92). M^r Brockbanke. I receiv'd y^e last time by Burnyeats 10^l out of w^{ch} I paid 6^l for y^r Mare and to M^r Thompson (who gives his service to you) 2^l w^{ch} I borrow'd of him on y^r account ; and 2^l I have added to y^r former accounts, w^{ch} I have now finish'd, and there remains due to me a small summ, w^{ch} (I doubt not) You will pay wⁿ You come to Oxon. Reakes does continually dun me, and likely will be importunate wth You at y^r return, and gō I pray arm y^r self agst him. I pray, dear S^r present my most humble service to y^r good Father and Mother and remember me to my cousins, and be so Kind as to go along wth y^m to Bolton. I am sure my old Parents will be exceeding glad wⁿ y. see you. I hope You will be at Oxon soon after Christmas. Intending to write to you again very shortly I add no more at present, but only this, I am Y^{rs} most affectionately Ed. Bowness.

But for all my Tutors intention to write so shortly again he must give way to his betters ; Before his co'd be got ready I receiv'd a Letter from an unknown hand, seal'd wth 7 stars, and thus directed. To Thomas Brockbank living in Witherslack, these with care present. The contents followes.

Thomas ! I having heard y^t thou art now wth thy Father and Mother now upon y^e accōmpt of visiting y^m have thought it meet to inform thee by y^e few lines from under my hand y^t I am very glad of thy health and wellfare : And for as much as I am given to understand y^t it will be after y^e time called Christmas ere y^e return again I hope to see thee about y^e time called Xt:mas : ffor I am minded to see my Relations about y^t time If nothing fall out contrary to my expectation, & y^e weather be seasonable :

Wherefore I only inform thee of my wellfare (hoping and allso desiring thine, and thy Fathers and Mothers, my very much respected Friends, giving my Love & respects to y^m) and remains thy very loving Friend, Myles Walkr.

As good luck wo'd have it he did not forget to set his name, but time and place he had ; and no wonder, for Quakers usually take little notice of either. The Letter, whereof y^s is vera copia, was brought me from Long Aldingham¹ by James Dawson Jun^r. And now let us hear w^t Language Oxford affords ; y^e Quaker's silent.

Qu. Coll. in Oxon. Dec. y^e 15th 92. M^r Brockbanke, Since I writ last M^r Thompson (who desired me to present his service to You) is made Chaplain. M^r Jackson² jun^r. is nominated to Weston, but his Organs are indispos'd, so y^t he has not yet been there, y^e 2 last Sundays I officiated for him. S^r Browham³ is about to go to London, to take Orders ; S^r Dykes⁴ has been there above a Month : 'tis reported y^t y^e former is to succeed M^r Rook in his preferm^t, and y^t Y^e latter is to be preferr'd by y^e Earl of Carnarvan ;⁵ But these things are nois'd (I believe) to carry on a design. M^r Brockbank there is 3^l due to me upon y^e last years account. If You please to have y^e Bed for 2^l w^{ch} cost me 2^l 5^s You shall have some bed cloaths in at y^e bargain, and y^e money for it again wⁿ ever You leave Qu : Coll : Robbery's are committed hereabout daily. Barklet y^e Waggoner was Kill'd on Monday last and 300^l taken from him [he was mistaken he onely was dangerously wounded, he is yet alive for ought I Know.] I advise You to return y^r Money. This wth my service to y^r Parents, and love to my Cozens is all at present from Y^{rs} E. Bownes.

In Christmas Rob^t Bownes and I went for Bolton to see my Tutors relations. We staid a Night, and wⁿ I got home again, I acquainted M^r Bownes by Letter of it, and desir'd to Know wⁿ 't wo'd be most convenient returning to Oxon ; to w^{ch} I receiv'd this Answer. The Direction as below, only.

Qu: Coll: in Oxon, Jan. y^e 21st (92). Honest Tho: I am affraid y^r Entertainm^t at Bolton was coarse because you made a very short stay there, but I hope neither goodwill nor welcome, were wanting. Thomas

¹ Aldingham is a parish, etc., in N. Lancs. 5 miles N.E. of Barrow-in-Furness.

² John Jackson, son of J. J. of Kendal, matric. Queen's Coll. 18 Nov. 1680, aged 18 ; B.A. 1685 ; M.A. 1688 ; curate of Dursley, and Rector of Weston Birt, 1702, and of Uley (all in co. Gloucester) 1709 (Foster).

³ This may be Henry Brougham, s. of Henry B. of Scales, Cumberland ; matric. Queen's Coll. 8 July 1681, aged 16 ; tabarder, B.A. March 1685-86 ; fellow, M.A. 1689 ; canon of Lincoln 1691, until his death 29 March 1698 : (Though described as " P.P." (pauper puer) his father was High Sheriff of Cumberland in 1693) ; or his brother Bernard : matric. Queen's Coll. 4 May 1686, aged 17 ; B.A. 1690 ; M.A. 1695 ; Vicar of Boldre, Hants. 1695 ; and of St. Cross, Southampton, 1702 ; Rector of Milbrook 1721 (Foster).

⁴ Oswald Dykes, s. of Leonard D. of Warthole, Cumberland ; matric. Queen's Coll. 1687, aged 17 ; amanuensis to Sir Roger L'Estrange ; d. 6 Aug. 1728 (Foster).

⁵ Charles Dormer, 2nd Earl of Carnarvon, d. 1709.

I do advise You to be here about Shrovetide, otherwise y^r lodgings will be quite ruin'd. I live in y^e slates, and have 4 Tenants, whereof y^e young man mention'd in y^r Letter is one [It was wearing] I am now going into Buck, where I shall continue a Month. M^r Thompson preach'd at S^t Maries; and made an admirable good sermon; He gives his Service to You. My service to y^r Father and Mother and all Friends. I am Y^r assured friend and Serv^t. E. B.

And now Lent approaching I must to Oxon; I shall transcribe my Journall w^{ch} I writt to my Mother, as soon as I got there.

When y^e rude Chaos did first grow into an orderly system, an harmonious concord did unite y^e jarring principles, and brought y^e Elements to a conjugal amity. Fire and Water (tho' opposite in y^r natures) by an overruling power did yⁿ shake hands, and both concurr'd, together wth y^e other Elements to frame a mixt body. From y^s union and orderly Disposition of y^e Elem^{ts} did arise y^t most elegant Symmetry of parts in this great Ball w^{ch} we call y^e Earth. And because y^t none of its particulars are or can be durable our wise Creator, has order'd a succession of causes and effects never to cease, but by a supernatural Cause. And now lest y^e succession, by default or negligence of some principal Movers, sho'd decay, He has planted in Every Species a Natural Tendency to y^e promoting of y^e Good of Y^{tr} Kind: This is daily made manifest in y^e inferiour and more base Inhabitants of y^e world, Beasts, Birds, and Fishes; But yⁿ if we do but raise our contemplation a little higher, and consider Man (y^e Lord of y^e Universe) we may with Ease behold a certain Magnetic vertue y^t inclines him naturall to certain objects, y^e absence of w^{ch} does torment him, and molest his Quiet. There is y^t Sympathy betwixt Friends, y^t if one be afflicted y^e rest must mourn, and bear part wth him in his sufferings; more especially if they be tied wth y^e nearer bond of Parents, children, or Relations. But yⁿ wⁿ such must be separated, & even, as it were, violently torn from each others embraces, grief and sorrow does torment y^e mind, and a certain Kind of distraction overwhelms the rational Faculties. They yⁿ grow pale as Ashes; the Tongue is fast bound to y^e roof of y^e Mouth, y^e Heart swell as if it wo'd break, and all y^e Members are out of course. This, this can I too too sadly witness by wofull experience, as having not long since made y^e Experiment; And truly it co'd scarcely be expected to be otherwise on my Side; to part wth Friends, such Friends as y^e World cannot shew dearer! to leave y^m for an undetermin'd time, and be separated so great a Distance: Nature herself seem'd to lament this separation, and power'd down showers of Tears (if I may so say) in token of sorrow; [*in margin* Sunday] Nay more, she caus'd y^e flood (a terrible messenger) to waylay me, and make me return, but in vain. My Resolutions were settled, and nothing would stop me. The surging Billows roar'd furiously on my right hand, and before me Thetis had put out a small Arm, over w^{ch} I pass'd wth small difficulty and safely arriv'd at y^e part where I wo'd be viz. Lancaster. And here I co'd not but reflect on y^e variableness of humane affaires; poor 3 houres ago I enjoy'd y^e sweet society of my dearest Friendes; every one y^t I saw were Relations, or intimate acquaintance: Now y^e scene is changed; I am among strangers

and Aliens. Just now I was at my Fathers house, now in a Journey and wthout Company. There now appears 100 obstacles to retard my Journey, but Knowing a Kind of Necessity was upon me I undervalued y^m all. And now, to proceed on my Journey [*In Margin Monday*], As soon as Aurora had usher'd in y^e day, and Sol had mounted his fiery chariot, and wth his glistening beams had guiled y^e Tops of y^e Mountains Morpheus being expell'd, I wthdrew my body from y^e effeminate embraces of y^e sheets, and like a true Knight errant, I buckled on my Harness, such as it was, and defray'd y^e nights charges, and so mounted my Courser, (a swift one sure) and departed to seek out more adventures. The Morning was nothing promising, thick clouds had envelop'd in y^e glorious light of Heaven, and Eolus had set some of his wind gates open, out of w^{ch} issued a turbulent Western Wind, w^{ch} at length drove y^e Clouds of y^e skie no otherwise yⁿ formerly it had done y^e Locusts into y^e red Sea. And yⁿ Phoebus displai'd his golden banners again. This somew^t reviv'd my drooping spirits, and made me pass y^e time cheerfully. At length the ruins of y^t almost impregnable Castle of Greehall¹ presented itself to my sight, and put me upon a consultation wth my self, whether I sho'd dine at Garstang (Knowing I was yⁿ near it) or no. Indeed it was not as yet Midday, being little past 10, but yⁿ I had got a very small breakfast, and was all most hungry. Besides, I judg'd y^t easy Journeys was best to begin wth. However I wo'd not rely altogether on my own Judgment, but thought it good (as in dubious it is allways best) to have y^e opinion of some other person. But sure you'll think there was no one there I wo'd refer y^e Matter to. Yes I doe assure You, there was one present, y^t I did much confide in, one y^t never was guilty of a ly, even my Mare. To her gō I committed y^e cause; for being come to y^e Town, I gave her y^e rein, and she passed by all y^e houses wthout any manner of cognisance, til she cam to y^e Kings Arms (the house where I din'd as I came down) and to y^s door she went directly, and seem'd to desire entrance. Now 'tis plain y^t she was for y^e affirmative. Here I allighted, and fed myself and Mare, and about 11 I mounted again; and pass'd thrō the rest of y^e Town to y^e bridge. And here I am forc'd to make some reflections on y^e vanity of Man, who thinks himself so far more excellent in every respect yⁿ other creatures, wⁿ as, in truth, there is no quality in him but is in a far more excellent degree in some Brutes. This is so manifest by daily examples y^t I need not insist any longer upon't. My own Forgetfulness compar'd wth my Beasts Memory is y^e cause of y^s Reflection. I had utterly forgot y^s Bridge, a remarkable thing, and my Mare Knew the door (where she enter'd before) among such a number; The Sign she co'd take no Knowledge of, and wthout it, I should never have Known it. Hence I infer y^t my Mare had a better Idea of y^e way yⁿ Myself, which will further appear, if I tell You y^t I pass'd by never a place, where I lodg'd or din'd, as I came down, but shee wo'd (if I wo'd have suffer'd her) have gone there again: But thō I had formerly passed this Bridge wthout having any notion of it left in my head, now I had like to have had too good reason to remember it: A surly puff of wind uncover'd my head, my hat I catch'd but my wigg fell upon y^e edge of y^e

¹ Greenhalgh Castle is in the township of Bonds, and stands half a mile E. of Garstang. It was built about 1490 by the first Earl of Derby: it was destroyed in the Civil War, and is now a fragmentary ruin.

bridge ; Had it got over we might have parted, but my stars were more propitious. Thus I began my afternoons Journey thinking nothing more yⁿ y^t it would be altogether as solitary as y^e Antemeridian had been ; but otherwise it fell out, For by and by M^r Foscroft * (from w^m I parted at Lancaster) overtook me. This put new life and vigour, not only into me, but into my Beast also. The rest of this day we spent wthout any Notable adventure, til we arriv'd at Preston, where there happen'd an adventure not much unlike some of y^e Noble Don Quixots ; and truly, for my part, it put me quite out of my measures. A terrible and unusuall noise was heard, accompanied wth horrible shoutings and confusion ; Hel seem'd to have been broke open, and y^e Furies wantoning upon y^e ground ; the Earth as it were, quaked for fear, and all y^t were in y^e streets, were possessed wth a sad consternation. Such a strange alteration does fear make in a moment All were in great expectation of y^e Event, some surmiz'd one thing, some a different : Parturiunt Montes. Presently we understood y^e reason of all. There appear'd 2 horses, y^e one behind the other joyn'd to a dung cart ; They seem'd to be at full speed, y^e former was affrighted wth y^e hasty pursuit of y^e other, and y^t was allso chas'd wth y^e cart. Nascitur rediculus Mus. This spectacle soon chang'd y^e scene, now every one was ready to splitt wth laughing, and to me, I must confess, it was excellent divertisement. I think it put fresh spirits into my Mare, for I had much to do to refrain her from following y^m in y^r mad career. Risum teneatis Amici. But enough of y^e Cart and Preston.

Now behold us travailing on a champion ground, below Houghton¹ tower, below it I say, for sure it seem'd to overtop y^e clouds, and to be fixt near y^e Sphere of y^e Moon. We rid a considerable time 'er I co'd be perswaded we had varied one point of y^e Compass from it, so high it was y^t it seem'd to travail as well as we. Here my Mare, y^t was but now so high metall'd, halted so much y^t my greatest fear was she wo'd have thrown me, heels over head, into y^e mire. This sure co'd not be any great consolation to me, having so long a Journey to go. And now y^e great Luminary of Heaven was declining towards y^e west, and I being already wearied wth y^e fatigues of y^e day did begin to wish for a safe harbour, where I might pass over y^e night in security, resolving to accept of y^e first, y^t Fortune wo'd offer. We had not travail'd many miles 'er a happy port presented it self to our View : Here I took up my Lodging, but my Companion went further. Now I think (being all alone) I have a good opportunity to ruminate on my condition ; I am far from my Friends, my Mare scarce able to crawl along ; The way so bad y^t I was told it was not passable, and more yⁿ y^s I had now no Companion to alleviate my Trouble, but it lay wholely on my own shoulders. Yet for all y^s I Kept my heart up, thinking y^t if I sho'd dispond it might turn to my disadvantage. I caus'd my Mares feet to be searched by a Smith who quickly found out y^e fault ; y^e shoe of y^e left forefoot was too narrow, and y^e nailes were drove into y^e Quick. He pull'd off y^e shoe, and drest y^e foot very well, & after he had made y^e shoe somew^t wider, he set it on again wth Tow and Tallow ; He told me, he had given it all y^e ease he co'd, but

¹ Houghton Tower is the seat of the ancient family of that name : it is about 5½ miles E. of Preston, and 5 W. of Blackburn.

gave me little hopes of any cure ; The foot was extreame hot, and I caus'd it to be well anointed. So after I had fed her and myself I thought fit to alleviate my cares with sleep. Now You have me in bed, disquieted (perhaps You'll think) wth grievous thoughts and anxious cares, but far otherwise it was, for I slept secure, til such time as y^e blushing Messenger of Light had drove y^e twinkling stars from off our Hemisphere, and had inform'd me, y^t now 'twas time to break from y^e charming sweets of pleasant slumber. [*In margin*: Tuesday]. I soon obey'd, cloath'd my self, pay'd for y^e reckoning, mounted my Mare and so set forward from Exton¹ (for so was y^e place call'd I lodg'd att it is 6 or 7 miles from Preston). So now behold me once more in a very solitary condition. My Mare halted so much, if not More, yⁿ she did y^e last night. A footman wo'd have far outgone her, for now I co'd not so much as make her trot. After y^s melancholy manner I pass'd some hours, 'til at length my Mare found some more use of her foot ; she now went a great deal better yⁿ she did at my setting forward ; and I had great reason to think y^e Smith had cur'd her. On we pass'd ; by and by I espied a tall Spier towering its cock a mighty height into y^e Air ; This struck me wth some wonder, for I was perswaded y^t there was no spier beyond Wynwick.² Before I came to y^s Spier a greater wonder appear'd : Not half an hour ago y^e Air was sharp and piercing, cold Enough I thought It was to have been winter ; but now y^e Air is chang'd (at least it was to be so suppos'd) and it seem'd to be midsummer. To y^s I co'd scarce have given credit unless I had seen some person who had thrown of y^r cloaths, hose and shoes, as not being willing to be combred wth y^m such hot weather ; yet, thought I, one swallow makes no summer, How it was hot or cold I Know not, but in short, I left y^t place, & came to Standish³ (where y^e Spier was) through it I pass'd to Tildsley's⁴ monument, w^{ch} stands on y^e way side ; w^t was writt on it I read, and left it for others to read y^t came after. I passed thrô Wiggan, & now y^e way begins to be bad enough. I had snow most part of y^e Way, on my left hand, but now (on y^s side Ashton)⁵ y^e way is full, and I might thank God my Mare had good long Leggs to find y^e bottom. By one o' clock I came to Newton⁶ where I din'd ; Here was a Kendal Man agoing for London, y^t was forc'd to lay here for some nights, being affrighted wth y^e report of y^e way : He told me he wo'd have been glad of my company if I wo'd have staid till

¹ Exton, or rather, Euxton, is a parish, etc., 7 miles S. of Preston.

² Winwick is a parish, etc., 2½ miles N. of Warrington.

³ Standish is a parish, etc., about 3½ miles N.W. of Wigan.

⁴ This was erected in Wigan Lane, a short distance N. of Wigan, by Alexander Rigby in 1671, to commemorate the death of Sir Thomas Tyldesley, who fell in battle there (ex parte regis) 25 Aug. 1651. The inscription is given in Baines' *History of Lancashire*, vol. iv., p. 286. For Sir Thomas Tyldesley (1596-1651) see *D.N.B.*, vol. lvii., p. 417 ; and *The Tyldesley Diary* (1712-14), ed. by J. Gillow and A. Hewitson. The writer of the diary was grandson of Sir Thomas. Alexander Rigby was son of Edward R. (who d.v.p.), son and heir of Alexander Rigby of Layton and Burgh, who d. 1650. Alexander (the grandson) was aged 30 in 1664, and so would be only 17 when he was present at the battle of Wigan Lane. (Dugdale's *Visitation* 1664-65.)

⁵ Ashton-in-Makerfield is a parish, etc., 7 miles N.W. of Warrington.

⁶ Newton-le-Willows, or Newton-in-Makerfield is a parish, etc., about 4 miles N. of Warrington.

next Morning, I told him I sho'd have been glad of his if he wo'd have gone y^t Night and so we parted, I towards Warrington, he to his lodging. However here I got Company y^t stayd so long wth me, y^t I was even tir'd wth it even a terrible hailshower. By Wynnicks¹ I pass'd, & enter'd y^e water, in w^{ch} I rid a considerable while, til I came near y^e Bridge, on w^{ch} I espied a great company of swine, scarce two of y^e same colour. I pass'd by y^m on y^e bridge, and looking back, I saw y^m swimming into a Mead quite out of y^e road, there I left y^m, w^t became of them afterwards I am yet to learn. But to proceed, I came to Warrington & passed thro' y^e Town, and over y^e causway, and arriv'd safely in Cheshire. The way begins to grow deep, and I to be somew^t tired, gō I gave my Mare free leave to go her own pace, in y^e mean time I was musing of various Matters, strange Chimera's appears in my Fancy, Des² Chartes for his system might have borrowed many rare notions from my contemplations ; thus had I various Speculations rowling in my Brain, wⁿ lo ! on a sudden before me I saw two persons mounted, at first they seem'd to be Gentlemen, but as I drew nearer to y^m I was more able to give an estimate of their Qualities ; A man and a woman they seem'd to be, the woman was former, & as she drew near me, her mannerly beast did obeysance to Mine and she to me ; verry submissive she was, for she fairly or foully lay prostrate under her horses nose. I was put quite out of my Musing by a violent fit of Mirth : Much ado I had to refrain from laughing til y^e were past. This humour did not last long for y^e unexpected sight of a ruin'd Chapel put other thoughts into my Breast. The Decay of Christian Piety did more sensibly appear from y^s object and indeed for my part, I co'd not chuse but make many reflections on it. That genius of Charity w^{ch} in our Fore elders bare such a sway (if it is not now quite extinct, yet) is in a very languishing condition. W^t formerly co'd be spar'd to these pious uses, now is spent in sin and debauchery. But y^e bitter Pill is not easily digested by our squeamish stomachs ; 'tis nauseous, away wth it, we must, nay will have our pleasures w^ever comes on't and so I'll leave it. But to prosecute my Journey y^e day is far spent, and gō 'tis time for me to think where I might lodge. I enquired for a good Inn, and was told there was one a little before, y^e Sign a Cock, but by y^s cock I flew in expectation of an other Inn a little farther ; I took wrong measures, for it proved 2 miles at least. Sol now was fallen into Thetis Lap, and old Night drew y^e Curtains upon y^m : horned Phebe begins her nocturnall Empire, and calls weary Mortalls to y^lr rest ; But I, poor wilding, I was on a large heath in a strange country, and 'twas very likely not near any rest, except in a bogg or Fen. However sooner than I expected I arrived at y^e Black Greyhound (y^t was y^e Sign) where I found civil entertainment. And here to prevent melancholy thoughts, w^{ch} might be too apt to arise, I recreated myself a little wth my Flute, a harmless and diverting Companion. I might here give You a panegeric upon Music, if y^t I co'd illustrate it wth my imperfect praises ; Every reasonable mans own mind will be its advocate and gō needs no one to patronize it ; Music, beloved of Heaven, for its y^e business of Angels ;

¹ Winwick.

² René Descartes (1596-1650), the celebrated French Philosopher and Mathematician.

desired on earth as y^e most charming pleasure of Men. W^t heart can there be so stupid y^t some harmonious strains of skillfull Artificers wo'd not even ravish? W^t gross Earthly Soul so dull y^t some sweet touch of an experienced musician wo'd not even exstasise wth celestial Pleasure? But why sho'd I hold a candle to y^e Sun? Why sho'd I labour to prove w^t every one is ready to assert? Now if one dull Music be so delightfull, w^t degree of Happiness shall y. possess, y^t must enjoy y^e endless harmony of y^e Heavenly Coire? Thus having eas'd my better part, 'twas but fit y^t I sho'd give rest to y^e outward case; and w^t place for y^e purpose more fit, y^a a soft bed? y^t place of ease and security. And here leave me in sweet slumbers, til y^e day star begins to lose its lustre, by y^e too near approach of y^e fountain of Light. The silent Night pleasantly slides away while sleep locks up all carefull thoughts, w^{ch} may disturb y^e Mind; Now all things seem to have changed their natures, and to be roll'd up into an unactive chaos. The Miser has no eager thirst for riches, and th' busy undermining Knave lays by his Plotting: The filthy Drunkard thinks not now of Wine; Nor th' gorged Glutton dreams of his regalias; all things are in so profound a quiet, y^t Envy her self seems to sleep, but suddenly a new scene appears. The Mornings [*Wednesday—in margin*] cheerfull Ray now guilds y^e world, and darts a Joyfull omen to my breast; y^e early Lark tunes his shril note and calls, y^e busy race of Mortals to y^{tr} Labour, and me amongst y^e rest.—So after I had defrai'd my charges I set forward on my Journey, and rid by Humes Chappel,¹ and my L^d Bruertons² Place (a curious structure). The way is very bad, I dined at y^e Sign of y^e Lion on Talcath-hil (Tolk on y^e hil)³ a good Inn. On I march'd and happily arriv'd on y^e confines of Staffordshire; thrò Newcastle I pass'd, and at length came to Stone: Here I intended to have lodg'd, but thinking there had been an Inn att y^e End of y^e Town I rid by y^m all, and, not willing to return back, I enquired how far it was to y^e next, and was answered a mile and a half. The sun was now set, and I expected to have had such an evenings work as y^e last was, but in good time I got to my lodging (y^e sign of y^e Princes Arms). In [*in margin—Thursday*] y^e morning I made my self ready, and as I was going to mount, my Landlady brought me a piece of Money, and desired my opinion, w^t value it was of; I look'd on't, and soon passed sentence, y^t it was a Shilling, and as good a one as I had seen; upon y^s my Landlady fell a laughing, and told me y^t y^t man (pointing at a Travailer y^t stood by wth a Portmanteau on his back) was affraid she had put a cheat upon him, and was come a mile or two back to scold her, and to get a 1^s for y^e sixpence as he call'd it. Stultorum omnia sunt plena. So I mounted and rid by y^e house where I lodg'd as I came down (y^e Sign y^e Dogg ith Dubblet) The Landlord was in y^e yard and took cognisance of me. Now I think I am half way at Oxford, w^{ch} appears y^e more likely because I met Tho: Bowes from London about

¹ Holmes Chapel, otherwise Church Hulme, is a parish, etc., in Cheshire, 3½ miles N.E. of Sandbach, and 6½ N.W. of Congleton.

² Bruerton should be Brereton. Brereton Hall was in 1693 the property of John, 4th Lord Brereton of Leighlin, and had been built by the 1st Lord about 1586.

³ Talke or Talk-'o-'th'-Hill is a village in the parish of Audley, about 6 miles N.W. of Stoke-on-Trent, co. Stafford.

2 or 3 miles further ; I suppose he had set out from London on Munday as well as I from Lancaster. I have read y^t Jupiter had a mind to Know w^{ch} place was y^e Navel of y^e Earth, he let two Eagles fly, one from y^e East y^e other from y^e West, and where y^e met was by him accounted y^e Midst. Now 'tis but putting us two for Eagles, North and South for East and West, London (or Oxon) and Lancaster for the world, and yⁿ 'tis evident enough. Tho: Bowes and I exchang'd a few wordes, as he was glad to see me, and so was I to see him &c. and parted. I passed on, and, contrary to all Philosophers, I found y^t y^e nearer I came to y^e Line y^e colder it was, at least there was more snow ; in Lancashire there was some, but here in abundance. On I travail'd til I came to Rugely, and away til I gain'd Lychfield. Here I din'd at y^e sign of y^e Milkmaid ; but before dinner I went to see y^e Minster, w^{ch} indeed is a curious Piece. It was first fonded (as I understood by an inscription on y^e wall) by King Oswy above 1000 yeares agoe, and rebuilt by K. Offa. It has 3 spiers, one very tall. In y^e Coires are a great many Corbels and Pedestalls, w^{ch} (I was told) had each a statue, but in y^e dayes of hot-headed Zeal, these and all y^e ornaments of y^e church were defac'd. 'Tis Kept in extraordinary good repair, all things decent and fit for a Mother-church. The old Bishop (Wood)¹ lies interr'd in y^e inner Coire and has a sumptuous monument erected over him. W^t monuments there were formerly I Know not, but y. all suffer'd in Olivers time. This is a pretty town, it consists of one large street, out of w^{ch} a great many more Issue. After dinner I left it and (y^e way being very good and y^e country pleasant) arriv'd in very good time at Coleshill.² This toun stands on a hil, y^e Spiir of whose church is seen at a great distance. Thus far my Journey has been tollerably prosperous, but y^t part of it, w^{ch} remains can scarce be so term'd : But since I am now get safely to y^e end of it, it will not be unpleasant to relate —suave est praeteritos meminisse dolores. I wo'd gladly have been at Oxon ; and gō I resolv'd to take y^e nearest way. to go by Warwick seem'd to be much [*in margin* Friday] nearer yⁿ to go by Coventry, and y^t way I determin'd to go. So y^e morning being come I cleared y^e score and departed. For 2 or 3 miles y^e way was very good upon a great heath, but wth all there was such a mist, y^t I co'd scarce see my Mares length from me ; By and by I fell into a bottom, and here begins my Misery. I pass'd thro' some deep and broad waters, and y^e way wⁿ out of y^e Rivers, was almost as deep. The snow here ways had been extraordinary deep, & being dissolv'd, had fill'd up y^e ways and made y^m so rotten, y^t it was scarce passible ; at length I came into a Lane, I dare not say y^e worst in y^e world, but sure I am, 'tis y^e worst y^t I ever yet saw, and y^s will I affirm,

¹ Thomas Wood was Dean of Lichfield from 1664 to 1671 ; during this period the Bishop (John Hacket), set himself to restore the Cathedral which was in ruins. The Dean steadily opposed him in all his work, and in 1667 the Bishop excommunicated him. Bishop Hacket died in 1670, and in spite of his previous stormy career, Dean Wood was appointed to succeed him. His career was still chequered, and in 1685 he was suspended for non-residence, simoniacal practices, and scandalous living. He died in 1692, aged 85. See Beresford's *Diocesan History of Lichfield*, Plumer's *Life of Hacket*, W. Walcot, 1895, and, for Bp. Hacket, *D.N.B.*, Vol. xxiii, pp. 418-20. (Information from Canon Wallis of Whalley.)

² Coleshill is a parish, etc., 10 miles N.E. of Birmingham.

y^t a man had better ride 20 miles good way, yⁿ thrò y^s Lane. It did more to me and my Mare yⁿ all y^s Journey I hitherto had come. Wth much difficulty at last I got to Killingworth,¹ 8 miles from Coleshill, and now 'tis high-Noon : By y^s You may imagine w^t pace I had come. Here are to be seen y^e ruins of a most stately Castle, w^{ch} was demolish'd in y^e late times of Rebellion, chiefly (I suppose) because it belong'd to y^e King ; as yet there was some parts of it in good repair, by w^{ch} one may guess w^t it has been. My Mare now was allmost tir'd, and much ado had I to make her go forwards, yet by Warwick I pass'd, where there is an other most sumptuous Castle most of it in good repair. I came y^t night to Kyneton,² and thò y^s day I travail'd but 18 miles, yet it was the hardest days Journey I ever went in my life. Now w^t formerly I heard, and many people forewarn'd me of, did effectually come to pass ; My Mare failed me in such sort y^t I fear'd I sho'd be forc'd to leave her behind me. However I was sure no good was to be got by tormenting myself about her, and gō I resolv'd to be merry w^t ever might be y^e sequel. This night was spent well enough, and now [*in margin Saturday*] y^e red streaks over y^e tops of y^e Hills, warns us y^t y^e Sun is approaching, & gō time for Travailleurs to make ready for y^{tr} Journeys. But thò we might expect a glorious day from such a pleasant morning as y^s was, yet I found it too true, y^t a Sunshine morn oft proves a showry day, as y^s indeed was. I hoped my Mare wo'd have now been able to perform a greater Journey yⁿ she did y^e last day, but w^t an one it was You shall hear anon. After I had satisfied my Host, I mounted, and because y^e road was very deep, I even let my Mare go on her own pace, at length I came to a rising ground, where y^e way was very good, but wth all exceeding plain, and open to all weather. Here I thought my Mare wo'd have gone well, but I co'd not make her mend her pace. The wind began to blow, and our Hemisphere was fill'd wth thick watry clouds ; y^e Sun quickly vanish'd, and wth it all my comfort. Now behold me riding (as it were) y^e wooden horse, upon a high Hil, far distant from any house, expecting every moment y^e rains to descend ; and in y^s my expectations were not frustrated, for now y^e storm begins, and wth great violence beats āgst me. The ways were now turn'd into Rivers, & I was so wet, as If I had been newly drawn out of one. There is no sign y^t y^e storm wil cease, and wⁿ I shall come to a harbour y^e Lord only Knowes ; I must wait my Mares Leisure, and, I am sure, she now is slow enough. Patience is my onely remedy. At length wth much ado I got wthin Ken of Banbury, but was a great way from it ; and lest I sho'd be too hot wⁿ I gott to Town (thò I am sure I was cold enough of all conscience, even of a womans) I must have one tumble in y^e snow to cool me. My Mare pass'd along in midst of much snow, at length she fell into a drift, I Know not how deep, but sure am I she did not reach y^e bottom. Off I gott, and my Mare lay her down on one side, and so tumbled out. I mounted her again, and so march'd to Banbury. The first Inn I came to was y^e Talbot, where I took refuge, but here being no good entertainment I took my Mare again, and bid y^m farewell, thò it still rain'd extraordinary fast. I co'd not resolve w^t to do, the rain increas'd, and I thought my Mare was not able to travail above a mile or 2 at any rate. Att last I determin'd

¹ i.e. Kenilworth.² i.e. Kineton.

to tarry over night here, and so rid into y^e three Tuns. This night did I intend to have been at Oxon, but alas ! w^t are y^e purposes of poor Mortalls ? we cannot see w^t accidents will befall us, nor prevent y^m if we did know. Little did I think y^t y^e latter end of my Journey wo'd have been so uncomfortable, thò indeed (if one may liken y^e beginning wth y^e end) I might have given a shrewd guess ; This from Kyneton to Banbury only 8 miles. I pass'd over y^s night as well as I co'd, and got up pretty early next morning, and set forward on my Journey as soon as I [*in margin*, Sunday] had fed my Mare and defraid my charges. Now here is an unexpected change, y^e Air is calm and pleasant, y^e skie clear & delightfull, y^e wing'd coristers of y^e Air are in every bush welcoming y^e rising Sun wth y^lr pretty ditties, but w^t most pleas'd me was to find my Mare travail as well as ever. But yesterday all things seem'd to combine together to make Me miserable, but now on y^e Contrary, every thing seemes to fawn upon and flatter me ; 'Tis but a night ago since my condition was so bad y^t my greatest Enemies co'd scarce wish it any wors, but now so good, y^t my Friends can desire no better for me ! So unstable are both y^e Frowns and smiles of Fortune. On I march'd wth a chearfull heart thrò Alderbury ¹ and so to Deddington, ² a Market Town. By and by a more pleasant object yⁿ any I had yet seen presents itself to my view, I now behold (thò at a great distance) y^e so much desir'd port, y^e harbour where I hop'd for security, even Oxon, y^t ancient seat of y^e Muses and all pleasures. This did not retard me, but on y^e contrary made me have more eager desire to be at it. On I march'd and came to dine at Kidlington, ³ four Miles from Oxon ; Here I staid till about 3 a clock, and about 5 I came wthin y^e Boundaries of Oxon, and espied a very great number of Ladies, Gentlemen, and students, walking about New Parks (These are curious sanded walks y^t lies out of Toun, made chiefly for y^e benefit of y^e University.) wⁿ I drew nearer my mare was very much affrighted, wth a Knott of collars in y^lr gowns, y^t came all in a breast, and I had much to do to Keep her in the right way. By & by I enter'd y^e City, and rid to y^e Saracens head (w^{ch} is near Queens Coll.) I sent for my Tutor, who came to me, and desir'd me to go to his chamber, but as soon as I entre'd our Coll: Gates, I was surrounded wth a great number of my acquaintances who were there ready to welcome me home again, at length I got from y^m and went to my Tutor ; Next day I put on my gown and since I have liv'd much as I us'd to do, w^{ch} is hapile enough. Vale.

This account of my Journey I sent down by y^e Carrier to my Mother, wth a Letter w^{ch} was y^e 1st of (93) It was to y^s effect.

Q.C. in O. April y^e 3^d 1693. Dear Mother, I do not at all doubt, but y^t You have a great desire to Know how I got to my Journy's end, and gō I have here sent You a Kind of an Abstract of my proceedings, w^{ch} if You please, You may peruse at leisure. I must confess I cannot recommend it to You for any choice piece ; however it is true and may, perhaps, give You some Divertisement. I dare not say I am altogether as happy as wⁿ

¹ *i.e.* Adderbury, 5 miles S. of Banbury.

² A village, a mile S. of Adderbury.

³ A village, 5 miles N. of Oxford.

in Witherslack because I want youres and the rest of my Friends sweet society : yet I am so far happy y^t I am content wth my Condition. Indeed things seem'd a little odd sometime after my Arrivall, and I had desires to be at home again, but things have all found y^r old channel again, w^{ch} is pleasant enough. You may remember I was anxious for my Lodging, but I found it not in so bad order as I fear'd, and my goods has suffer'd no great dammage, for w^{ch} I am oblig'd to M^r Bowness care, who gives his service to You and his Cousins. I did intend to have called upon my God Father at Preston, but because I was not willing to leave my Companio I did not. Since I came to Oxon I waited once on M^{rs} Lowther who treated me wth a Bottle of Sack, and other dainties. One of her daughters is here at present, who is a great Gallant but extraordinary Civil to me, and Kept me company all night til I departed. I have very little more to trouble You wth att present, onely give my service &c.

Att y^e same time I writ to my Grandfather in these or y^e like words.

Dear S^r. I want wordes to express y^e gratefull resentment y^t I have for y^r Endearing favours ; however let me tell You y^t I esteem it altogether impossible for any Mortall to think himself more oblig'd by any Friend yⁿ I by You. Y^r great Love and Affection towards me even from a child ought to have infinitely possessed me wth gratefull Acknowledgments ; but then w^t Ought I to render You for these continued Favours You have been pleas'd to Shower down upon me ? You have allwayes had a tender care of me, and a perpetuall affection towards me w^{ch} you have made evident enough by the ardent Desire You have allways had to hear of my Welfare ; And gō I am perswaded it will be no ingratefull newes if I tell You y^t I am altogether as well both in body and Mind as ever, onely I find a great want of y^{rs} and y^e rest of my Friends good company : Indeed, I must confess my Journey has not been so prosperous as I hop'd it wo'd, yet I thank God, I very safely and in good health arriv'd here on Sunday y^e — of y^e last Month. My Father, I suppose, will give You, if You desire it, a more particular account of my Journey. Dear S^r be pleas'd to give my Duty to all my Relations, and Friends, wth You, and thanks for their Civilities. Pray acquaint T.W. y^t his son is in a very hopefull way, if he do but continue therein, as I hope there is no doubt but he will &c.

At y^e same time I writ y^s to Cos. Rowland.¹

Cosin, I must acknowledge my self very much indebted to You for trespassing on y^r Good Nature so much as I did in y^e Country ; but I well Know y^t a few bombasting words wo'd be but bad requitall ; and gō I shall not trouble you with any. Indeed, I must confess no urgent business put me upon troubling You wth y^s, but believing it might not be altogether unacceptable, I venter'd on't. You may find by y^e date hereof y^t I am arriv'd at Oxon, and I will farther add y^t I am in very good health, and I have great hopes y^t You are at y^e reading of y^s in y^e same condition, at least I'll assure You it is my hearty desire. To hear of y^r Prosperity in

¹ Rowland Tatham.

y^r Undertakings wo'd be very pleasing to me, and I hope You will not fail to let me hear from You wⁿ opportunity Serves. Y^r Mothers Kindness I cannot but highly resent, but since 'tis not in my Power to make any return but onely of Thankes, pray do not forget to give her y^m from me. Give my service to M^r Wilson o' th' Park, and love to all my Friendes, and amongst y^e rest, do not forget y^rself, for I reckon You amongst y^e chieftest, & by y^s do assure You y^t I am

M^r Bowness had been jarring wth y^e Fellowes, and there was no good agreem^t amongst y^m, whereupon he resolves for y^e Country, but acquainted no body wth his resolutions ; on y^e 13th he set forward on his Journey, & left me w^t followes wth M^r Swainson¹ (now 1696 vicar of Urswick).

Qu: Coll: in Oxon Apr. y^e 15th 93. M^r Brockbank. You may find upon y^e Table in my chamber a Letter for M^r Waugh, I pray deliver it to him, and enquire whether y^e Copy of my Letter to Mad^m Lowther be y^e true copy, and w^t is y^e meaning of M^r Kery's 2 Letters. If you can procure for me a Testimoniū wth y^e hands of y^e Provost and all y^e Fellowes to it, wrap it up as a Letter, and direct it to Me, at y^e Post office in Kendalle. I am Y^rs most affectionately E.B.

To y^s I sent y^e following answer directed as he desired.

S^r. Y^r so sudden and unexpected departure co'd not but mightily surprise all, especially us who thought ourselves so much in credit wth You, y^t a less title yⁿ a secretis co'd not satisfie our ambition in serving You. Truly for my part I cannot but have a far worse opinion of myself yⁿ formerly, and much fear I have some way disobligh'd You by infidelity, thō I think my Eares are not so public grown of late, but y. as wel as ever can now fideliter retinere comissa. Wⁿ I was first acquainted wth y^r Journey, I did no more believe it yⁿ I do y^e Alcoran, but wⁿ I had receiv'd Y^{rs} I co'd not, durst not persist obstinate in so palpable an Error, but was forc'd to give my assent to w^t was very repugnant to my will. I sho'd have been very glad to have Known y^r Intentions on many accounts ; but chiefly y^t by You I might have had an opportunity to render my hearty thanks to y^r Relations, for y^r Civilities towards me (and I hope y^s may yet be perform'd) as also my duty to my Friends and Relations. Besides, yⁿ I sho'd not have perplext my Self wth musing w^t might be y^e cause of y^r sudden Motion, but if it had been any preferm^t or y^e like I sho'd have congratulated y^r good Fortune, and thought my self happy in thinking on y^r Felicity : And further, it might yⁿ have pleas'd You to constitute me (or some other w^m I co'd better confide in) steward over y^r Chamber, to look after y^r goods there, and not to have left y^m so att random. Y^r Letters, I suppose, were all deliver'd, y^t to me was indeed very surprising,

¹ Richard Swenson (or Swainson), son of Bernard S. of Calderbrigg, Cumberland ; matric. Queen's Coll. 22 Oct. 1691, aged 16 ; B.A. 1695 ; Vicar of Urswick, W. Lancaster, 1696, as Swainson (Foster). He removed to Hawkshead, co. Lancaster, in 1713. His will was proved at Richmond in 1719. (*V.C.H., Lancs.*) Urswick is 3 miles S.W. of Ulverston.

because You desire me in it to get You a Testimonium, w^h seems to imply y^t you intend to rusticate y^r Self, and to deprive us of y^r amicable society ; But about y^s matter I expect to hear further before I meddle in it.—

I suppose y^s miscarried, for presently after did I receive y^s by y^e Post.

Raisbeck near Appleby in Westmerld May y^e 1st (93). M^r Brockbank, I pray procure for me if You can a Testimonium ; wrap it up as a Letter, and direct it to me at Raisbeck, for I live there wth my Brother, and am to assist old M^r Kennion * at Orton,¹ thô (God Knows) I am little able to assist him while I ly under y^e displeasure of Our Provost, w^m (God is my witness) I allways desir'd to please in Every thing, w^{ch} is not agst conscience and reason. I pray give my service to M^r Waugh and desire him to favour me wth a line or 2, y^t I may be certified whether our Provost has granted me Leave to be absent from our Coll. I pray give my service to honest M^r Jaques, M^r T. and M^r Yates and to all Friends. I rest y^{rs} E. Bowness. Acquaint M^r Burser, y^t I expect a true Account from him. You may communicate y^r Letter to M^r Waugh if you please.

I shew'd M^r Waugh y^s Letter, who Told me there was no hopes of a Testimonium and y^t y^e provost wo'd give no leave to be absent I g^o sent him y^s answer by y^e Post.

Q. Col. Ox. May y^e 15th (93). S^r, I receiv'd y^{rs} wherein you desir'd me to get a Testimonium for You, but all y^t I can return You is onely a non posse. I communicated y^{rs} to M^r Waugh, and desir'd him to advise me w^t I had to do in y^s case and he told me y^t it was in vain to sue for a Testimonium. He was wth M^r Provost, He said, and spake to him concerning y^r affaires especially he endeavour'd to get leave for You to absent y^r Self, to w^{ch} M^r Provost replied, y^t You had taken Leave, and y^t He co'd not grant You more. Moreover y^t he had told You, y^t You sho'd not stir from y^e Col. at y^r Perril. Y^r Friends here think it wo'd be most convenient for You to repair as soon as possible to y^s place, before things be brought to extremity. Since I receiv'd y^{rs} I saw a Letter from y^r Brother wherein he desir'd y^e same thing as You do ; But 'tis altogether impossible as yet to effect it ; I suppose M^r Provost and y^e Fellowes are not so dull, but y. can easily perceive y^t to give you a Testimonium wo'd be but of bad consequence to the^m, supposing (w^{ch} is fear'd) y^t you wo'd bring any trouble on y^m. However I am heartily Sorry, I cannot serve you, but I hope You will not impute it to y^e want of will, but of Power, and y^t from hence you will no way infer y^t I am not (as hitherto I have been, and allways shall be) S^r Y^r humble Serv^t in w^t I am able willing to serve You, T.B. Soon after you left us I directed a Letter for You to be left at y^e P. Office in Kendall, in w^{ch} was included one from M^r Thompson, who wth y^e rest of y^r Friends gives their service to You, and pray give mine, and hearty thanks to all y^r Relations for y^r Civilities towards me.

¹ Orton is a village 3 miles N.E. of Tebay, and 8 miles S.W. of Appleby.

The Letters y^t I writ (it seemes) miscarried, as from M^r Bowness's y^t followes, one may gather.

Raisbeck, May 29th, (93). M^r Brockbanke, Since I came into y^e country I have writ some Letters to You and others at Oxon, but have not receiv'd one word in answer to w^t I writ, w^{ch} makes me think, y^t y^e Letters are miscarried, or have been intercepted. We sho'd be carefull to write nothing but w^t will abide y^e Test. In 2 of my Letters I desired M^r Waugh (I pray give my service to him) to let me Know whether y^e Provost wo'd grant me a Testimonium & leave to be absent from our Coll. In a 3^d I desir'd a true account frō y^e Burser, I do desire y^e same Favours still, if y. be denyed me I shall appeal to some good Man, who will do me Justice. Give my service to honest M^r Jaques ; M^r T. M^r Y. & all Friends. I am Y^{rs} E. Bowness. I have just now rec^d y^{rs} dated may y^e 15th (93) I shall return an answer to it after I have been at York.

Mr. Bowness came to my Fathers e'r he sent y^s Letter away to get some money ; My Father writ w^t followes in y^e bottom of y^s Letter.

Loving Son, I had y^r letters both by y^e Post & Carrier, and had written to You e'r this, but hearing of y^r Tutors being in y^e Country deferred to write till he came, so now he being here I have paid him three pounds upon y^r account, and intend to send You by y^e Carrier 17^l if I cannot otherwise conveniently. We are well, blessed be God for it ; This, wth my and y^r Mothers blessing, and daily praiers unto God for You, I rest y^r loving Father Jo: Brockbanke. Witherslack, May y^e 3^d 1693.

After y^s a Postscript of my Tutors.

Tho: Be sure not to pay y^e Burser any Money, but let me Know how much y^r Chamber and Battles come to. If You have a mind to save carriage order y^r Money to be sent by Me. On y^e Other Side. Tho: Pray desire Will Scot¹ to transcribe a Testimonium for me and do you carry it to our Provost, and return his answer to me wth speed.

This did not at all please me, for having promis'd to pay of some Ticks and Act drawing on, I stood in need of Money : But see how my Tutor mends y^e Matter in his next.

Raisbeck June y^e 24th (93). Thomas, Pray write to one Thomas Bleamire living on Suffering Hill,² at y^e Sign of y^e Boatswain and all in London, & desire him to send a Pumice stone to You, and do you send it to me by Burnyeats. Be sure to cast up my Battles, and y^r own, & let me have y^m by Burnyeats. Thomas, I design not to return to Oxon before I have a Testimonium from y^e Coll. Wherefore pray be carefull to carry it to all the Fellowes, and send y^{1r} answers to me. Desire Swanson to certifie under his hand y^t M^r Provost-Place gave me Leave to be absent from y^e College.

¹ William Scott, son of John S. of Middleschew, Cumberland ; matric. Queen's Coll. 16 July, 1687, aged 18 ; B.A. 1692 ; M.A. 1696 ; Rector of Bletchington, co. Oxon. 1707-43 (Foster).

² *i.e.* Saffron Hill.

Give my service to M^r Thompson & M^r Yates and desire y^m to to take care of my exercise in y^e College. I am Y^{rs} most affectionately Edw: Bowness.

But y^e sting is yet behind, w^{ch} was writ in a scrap as follows.

Kendall June y^e 24th (93). Tho: Since I came into y^s Country I have receiv'd of y^r Father 7^l and he has sent you 13^l. If You pay M^r Thompson 3^l take his acquittance, and add it to my Accounts: or if You cannot spare so much money, pray onely 7^s to M^r Prince shoemaker, and take his acquittance. I am &c as before.

And y^t it was no fiction my Father assures me in his Letter as follows.

Loving Son. This day Sennight I wrot to Rob^t Court to send me word wⁿ T. Burnyeats wo'd be in Kendall, but he not Knowing any thing of his coming, sent word y^t he would let me know: So this morning Rob^t sends a Man wth a Letter y^t Burnyeates came yesternight. I had y^r Letters both by y^e Post and Carrier, but hearing of y^r Tutors being in y^e country deferr'd to write to You til he came, thō Y^r Mother often put me in mind of it. May 29th y^r Tutor came, and on y^e 30th I wrote in y^e end of his Letter to You, and I paid him yⁿ 3^l and now I have paid him 4^l both upon y^r account; and by Tho: Burnyeats I have sent 13^l, and paid him for y^e carriage of it. D^r Witham hath a Sonn.¹ Y^r Uncle Laur: Harrison, and his Family, desires to be remembred unto You. M^r Hebblethwaite, M^r Leyburn, M^r Tunstall, and diverse others desire to be remember'd unto You. I had lately Y^r Letter dated y^e 1st of y^s instant June: but having writt in y^r Tutors Letter I suppos'd y^t You wo'd have my Letter e'r I had Y^{rs}. I am at y^s writing wth y^r Tutor, his Brother & M^r Dalton, at Widdow Jacksons in Kendale, I have paid y^r Tutor 7^l and Burnyeats 13^l w^{ch} make 20^l y^r desire, and this is all at present (wth my prayers and blessing) from y^r Father Jo: Brockbanke. Witherslack June 24th 1693.

I expected 20^l y^s return, and thought it little enough, but it coming 7^l short, I Knew not well w^t to do: My Tutors intercepting my money, made me verry Angry, and made me return by y^e Carrier y^s y^t follows to my Father.

Honoured Sir. My Tutors proceedings does infinitely amaze me. I did little suspect y^t he sho'd do me so great a diskindness as to intercept my money, under I Know not what pretence. I confess I was somew^t indebted to him, but y^e 1st summ wo'd have quitted y^e score; but w^t y^e other 4^l is for, I am utterly ignorant. I fear he has some evil Attoms working in his brains, w^{ch} are y^e cause of these his extravagances; pray do not you help him out wth any more money for y^e Future. If he will play y^e fool, let him do it at his own cost, not att ours. His conduct of late has been y^e worst y^t ever I Knew, and I fear it will turn to his ruin, I mean here at Oxon. But as for you, S^r, I must needs say never was there a more Kind, and carefull Fa. so willingly to provide for a Son, who

¹ John Leyburn Witham, who *d.* s.p. about 1740.

to some may seem extravagant, and prodigall; yet, if my case were well consider'd there wo'd be little reason for it I think. And as hitherto You have been Kind, so, I doubt not, but you will continue so for y^e Future. Now y^e time growes short y^t I have to stay here (wo'd to Heaven it were longer) and some hopes there are yt in a small time I may not lay so heavy on you—

My Tutor (as Ill Luck wo'd have it) was at my Fathers wⁿ y^s Letter came to my Fathers hands, and wo'd not be satisfied, till he saw it, & yⁿ I believe was wors satisfied yⁿ before. Att y^s time also I gave my Mother an account of our Act in y^s Letter.

Q.C. Ox. July y^e 19 (93). Dear Mother. I find y^r love to me Knowes no Ebb, since as I am confident, it was y^t w^{ch} caused You so oft, to put my Father in mind of writing to me; But indeed, I must tell you, y^t I was almost inclinable to believe I was forgot at Witherslack, after having wth Impatiency expected to hear from You so long, and stil frustrated: Let me entreat You for y^e Future to be more urgent wth my Father to write, and sure You will, if You did but Know how much of my Felicity consists in hearing of y^r welfare. I sho'd be glad to Know how squares goe wth You, w^t end is made about nether-hall, and to bribe you to y^s I will give You a tythe of our affaires. Then be pleased to Know y^t we have had a public Act y^s year, where appear'd near all y^e Flower of our University, but, e'en of all y^e Nation, as well as those of a higher station as Dukes, Marquises, Earls (as for Lords, Knights & Esquires I make no account of y^m y. were so common) as those who move in a more low and serene sphere, such as think it honour enough to be called schollars. Our Theatre open'd on Friday y^e 7th present where we were entertain'd wth verses and Orations on Severall subjects, all done by Young Schollars of y^e highest Quality as my Lord — y^e Honourable M^r Boyle &c—And yⁿ for Interludes we had most exquisite music, both vocall and instrumentall. On Saturday morning we had a Music Speech, on y^e afternoon a Terrae filius; on Sunday 2 D^{rs} preach'd at y^e University Church, w^{ch} was very well fill'd, where we had very good organ Music, and an excellent Anthem: Monday shut up y^e Theatre wth y^e 2^d Terrae filius. To tell you w^t particulars were acted every day wo'd be too tedious. While y^e Act lasted y^e D^{rs} went in scarlet, and others in y^r proper habits, w^{ch} to Strangers were worth seeing. The Queen¹ to honour y^s our grand Solemnity presented y^e University wth 16 Bucks. Besides these Public shoves, we had many more, as y^e Dutch-rope-dancers, Tumblers, Vaulters, Machines, Motions, and to make up all y^e Royall Players were (and are) here, where y. take a world of Money. The town now begins to grow somew^t empty again, of w^{ch} I am very glad, for such hurly-burly, as we have had, was not very pleasant to me. I have been so long already y^t I cannot have while, to acquaint You wth much more, onely let me desire Y^r assent to w^t I have writ to my Father. My Tutor has done me such a diskindness, as I Know not how to forgive. I had promis'd to pay of some Ticks, and now being disapointed

¹ Mary II (*d.* 1694).

of Money, I dare scarce appear abroad, not but I can be endited, but for shame.—

The Next Letter y^t I receiv'd was y^s.

Potterspury,¹ July y^e 25th 93. Honest Chum, I writ to you a fortnight since, and requested You to send me all y^e Newes you co'd about y^e Act, as also y^e price of a very good mapp of England. I desire You also to send me y^e price of a dark Lanthorn and wⁿ I send You money to buy these things I shall also write for some bookes, w^{ch} You have of mine. Pray deliver y^e enclos'd to M^r Allason, and wrap up y^r Letters together, if You both write to Y^r Friend and Serv^t Tho: Raine.

This I answer'd ; and by my Tutor receiv'd w^t Followes.

Dear Son, These lines come to tell You, y^t I and y^r Mother have receiv'd y^r Letters, and are glad of y^r welfare, and we wo'd not have You in y^e least distrust y^r Tutor, but he will account y^e 4^l and for y^e 3^l. You say y^t it was his right. And for y^e 10^l You speak of for Michaelmas I intend (God willing) to Send it yⁿ by y^e Carrier, if I cannot otherwise. And truly I was y^e cause why I paid y^e 7^l to y^r Tutor, and g^o I wo'd not have you blame him for y^e receiving it, for I thought yⁿ and do now y^t he out of his fellowship might pay You at Oxon. and if he had occasion for Money in y^e Country it might do him a Kindness here, and y^t might save charges. I was willing to have paid him more if he had been as willing to have receiv'd it &c. We had a Court here on y^e 8th of June last where a new Jury brought in Isabell Fawcet Tenant by descent from her late Father both of Netherhall and Coppekhil, so y^t Will^m Fawcet and his Family live at Nether-hall. M^{rs} Leyburn² and her daughter live in Kendale, in y^e quondam Masters house. M^r G. Leyburn,³ and M^r Tunstall⁴ are remov'd to Fraithwaite in Underbarrow. John Crosfield wth his Family are come to Moshow, and he hath a sonn since he came ; and James Dawson wth his Family live in John Bowes's house att Lowwood, and John Bowes serves M^r G. Leyburn. Anne Garnett is in going away from us. This (wth our prayers to God for You, and our blessing), we rest Y^r Father and Mother while we ar, Jo: and M: Brockbanke. Witherslack, July 31st 1693.

My Tutor gave me y^s Letter wth a Kind of Shaggreen Air & a day or 2 after bad me come to his chamber where he lectur'd me for writing as I had done. His countenance was not very pleasant towards me for some time, but his anger wore off by degrees, and I got again into some Favour wth him. The next I receiv'd was y^s by y^e Post from my Father.

¹ Potterspury is a village in Northamptonshire, 6 miles E. of Towcester.

² This is probably Dorothy (née Lascelles), widow of Thomas Leyburn of Cunswick and Witherslack, who d. 1672. Besides her daughter Catherine, who was mar. to Marmaduke Witham, she had two other daughters, Elizabeth and Anne.

³ This is George Leyburn of Nateby and later of Cunswick.

⁴ Marmaduke Tunstall of Barningham, co. York, son-in-law of George Leyburn mentioned above.

June 5. Loving Sonn, I wo'd not have You blame y^r Tutor for receiving y^e 7^l of y^e 20^l for he told me y^t he was wanting for y^r Battles for y^e last year—about 3^l w^{ch} I paid him. And y^e year y^r Battles wo'd come to (as he suppos'd) 7^l all w^{ch} wo'd ly upon his account, to pay out of his Fellowship, for he fear'd if you sho'd pay for y^r own Battles, yⁿ he co'd hardly get it out of y^e Buttery. And wⁿ I paid him both y^e Former and y^e latter summes, I thought he wo'd quickly have returned to Oxford, and y^t y^e money might do him a Kindness in y^e country, and y^t he might pay You, or for y^r use out of his fellowship. And to w^m can a Father, or any other person pay money more safely for y^e use of a Pupil, yⁿ to his Tutor? And I thought y^e 13^l I sent You by y^e Carrier might do well for You; For indeed money is hard to get here, for our Tyth-Barn at Lazonby¹ was arrested y^e last year, for y^e fee farm rent, and where we went to have 30^l we had but about 10^l. And for Hareshewgh rent for y^e year 1692 is not paid, and how it will be paid y^e year it is not certain. And gō I wish You to be as Frugall as You can, for w^t I can do for You I will God willing, y^e 10^l you speak of I purpose to send at Michaelmass. Son, now I think it convenient y^t You sho'd resolve w^t is best for Gods glory, and y^{rs}, & y^r country good, wherein to employ your learning; and to y^t end consider w^t is y^t w^{ch} God most of all suggests into y^r Mind, whether Divinity or Physic. If Divinity yⁿ in time there will be some place found where You may be serviceable for Gods Glory, and y^e country's good, thō places are hard to gett at present. If Physick, yⁿ You are like to have a good place of residence where You may by Gods goodness be instrumentall for Gods glory, and y^r country's good. So I leave it totally to y^e good Providence of God Almighty, and y^r own free will, desiring God Almighty to direct You in y^e and in all other things. I wrote to you by y^r Tutor. The Time is very sickly among us. y^r mother was much troubl'd y^t you co'd scarcely stirr out of doors for want of Money, she thought y^t y^e 13^l might have done well for You seeing y^r battles lies upon y^r Tutors account to pay. Mary Garnet is sick and many of our Neighbours. This, wth our continual prayers and blessing is All from y^r Parents at present, J.M.B. 10 Aug. 18. 1693.

About y^e 24th of September I answer'd y^s. And now y^e Carrier's come, and giving me some money, wth 2 Letters; the first from my Grandfather as follows.

M^r Thomas Brockbank. And most endeared Grandson, I received y^r sweet lines by Burnyeat w^{ch} was great comfort to my departing spirit now in my old age, and I give you many thanks for y^r good remembrance of me, and y^r sweet counsell towards me, for indeed I am but a stranger here upon Earth, I have fix'd all my hopes and help upon one y^t is mighty y^e Lord Jesus Christ, Who is gone to prepare a place for me, and he will come again and take me to him self y^t where he is I may be there also. This is y^t I look and long for, & y^s is y^t I have laid up all my hopes for; And now I beseech You take y^e Council of a departing Friend, y^t you will get a saving interest in J.C. now in y^e prime of y^r dayes, and y^t You re-

¹ A village in Cumberland 8 miles N.E. of Penrith.

member y^r Creatour in y^e dayes of y^r Youth, before y^e Evil day come. I can assure You he is a M^r who is worth looking for, and longing, & waiting & working for, You have had some experiences of his goodness towards You, in y^r greatest necessity, he has been a present help to You, and is become y^e Author of y^r Eternall salvation, if You obey him, for so saith y^e Word ; It is to those y^t obey him ; You know y^t in him we live and move and have our being, and y^e Lord hath provided a comfortable being for you in y^s life, You have had want for nothing y^t was necessary, You have had tender Parents over You, & to provide for Y^{ou} and good Friends to pray to y^e Allmighty for you, and all y^s is but y^t You may walk holy and humbly wth y^r God, and be serviceable in y^r generation, to y^e Glory of God, y^e good of Others, and the comfort of y^r Immortal Soul. This is y^e daily prayer of y^r loving grandfather ; The Lord preserve You, to him I turn me for I am well assur'd he can prevail wth You. If You go to L. at any time see y^r Cos. R. Whitehead, and take notice how Cos. Speight likes him, and how he likes his place. I w^od entreat you to do any civil courtisy for y^e 2 Scholars Wearing¹ & Garnet,² for w^a y. write down to y^{ir} Parents y. allways remember You, and y^{ir} parents come to let me Know of y^r wellfare. Y^{rs} to command Thomas Willan. From Kirby³ y^e 2^d day of October.

Ile answer this before I proceed farther.

S^r I am allways glad to receive any thing from You, Knowing y^e great care and tenderness You have had for me is y^r chief Remembrancer ; but in a more especiall manner I rejoyce to partake of y^r sage councill, w^{ch} is most fit for a Young man such as I am ; For we are apt to wander out of y^e Way, to follow blind Paths w^{ch} att length w^od lead us to y^e Chambers of death ; and if it were not for some such Guides, some such counsellors as You, we sho'd rush on headlong to our own destruction. Alas ! we are all of us strangers and Pilgrims here, seeking out a better Inheritance, a heavenly, and how easy w^od it be for us Young Men y^t are but of Yesterday and Know nothing, to go on in y^e broad way because most pleasant, if there were none to tell us w^t danger approach'd ; if there were none, y^t Know y^e paths of Vertue better yⁿ We, and who w^od direct our goings in y^t Way ; Your advice therefore cannot but be very acceptable to me who w^od gladly learn to be good ; To me, who (thô I be not so much vers'd in y^e severer rules of rigid Vertue as I ought, Yet I have had allways a great respect, and veneration for vertuous actions, and shall be still ready to receive good council wth open arms, especially wⁿ it comes from such a person as You are. I have writ to Cos. Speight, since I came up, but I have not received one line from him, so y^t I can give You no account of Cos. Whitehead ; But if ever I see London I intend to see him if he then be there. Y^r 2 neighbours do very well here, w^m I sho'd be ready to serve in anything y^t lies in my Power to whose Parents pray give my Service,

¹ Thomas Waring, or Wearing, s. of Thomas W. of Cerbelawn, Westmoreland ; matric. Queen's Coll., 11 Feb., 1693, aged 17 (Foster).

² Robert Garnett, son of Robert G. of Overtown, Westmoreland ; matric. Queen's Coll., 11 Feb., 1693, aged 17 ; B.A. 1709 ; M.A. 1712.

³ Kirkby Lonsdale.

as allso my Duty to all my Relations with You. I shall trouble You wth no more at present, but onely begg leave to subscribe my Self, Sr, Y^r most dutiful & oblig'd Grandchild T.B.

The other Letter y^t at y^s time I receiv'd by y^e Carrier was this from my Father,

Loving Son, I had y^r Letter dated September y^e 24th 93. wherin I find y^t You have received mine, and y^t y^r Tutor is come at length to Oxon, and I hope hath reckon'd y^e 7^l on y^r account. And by y^e Carrier I have sent you now 10^l, and paid him for y^e Carriage of it. The Sicknesse continues amongst us, it is a lingring disease. The Doctor¹ himself was troubled wth it, he told me y^t he got it on his Patients, and now he is fallen into a quartan Ague; he was begunn when he had y^e Tryell wth my Lord of Derby² at Appleby about y^e Demesne he had a Tryall there y^t continued 7 or 8 houres before y^e Judge. And y^e end y. had of it was to deferre it to y^e hearing of 4 or 12 of y^e Judges of y^e Law, for y^e Judge himself wo'd not determine of it, nor put it to y^e Jury, so w^t y^e end will be God Knowes. Wil. fawcet and his Family live at Nether-hall; Betty Stainbank is married, & lives near Holton Tower; she was y^e onely fool in concealing y^e old mans will, till it was made void by Act of Parliament; w^{ch} Act is y^t such wills are to be proved within 10 dayes after y^e death of y^e Testator, otherwise void. I am glad You made choice of Divinity for y^r Practice, and I pray God give You good success therein for his Glory and y^e conversion of Souls. This wth our blessing and prayers to God for You is all at present from Y^r Parents, Jo: & Ma: Brockbanke. Witherslack, Octob^r 6th 1693.

This I answer'd by y^e Carrier thus.

Queens in Oxon Nov. 10 (93). Sr, I am very sensible y^t my expences seem exorbitant to many in y^e Country, as I have learnt from some of my Friendes, & in truth I cannot deny, but y^t I have been very costly and Burthensome to You, but I must desire You not to think I am become desolute and extravagant: For I can assure You y^t I do live as cheap as is possible in y^e Station I am in. And for y^e time y^t I shall continue here my expences will be nothing abated. Indeed I had some small hopes of a little help from y^e Col. but now I totally despair of Any, For my Tutor is very much out of Favour wth all y^e House, and I fear he will involve me in y^e same displeasure. I have already suffered somew^t for his sake, for all y^e last week, and hitherto of y^s I have had and have my name stop'd upon his account: He is yet indebted 4^l to me and will be I suppose till Mid Summer, at w^{ch} time I do not question, but he will reckon wth me. I have receiv'd 10^l of Burnyeats. And am still ready to receive more. I remember I told y^t I sho'd stand in need of 10^l at Shrove-tide, and 20^l at Midsummer, but because I am to take my Masters degree at Easter, and besides shall have other occasions for Money, You may if You please borrow 14^l at Candle Mass, and send it at Shrovetide, and 16^l at Midsummer and y^e 4^l my Tutor owes me will yⁿ make up my Battles if he do not fail me. I am sorry to hear y^r Neighbours are so sickly, especially y^e D^r (to

¹ Dr. Marmaduke Witham.

² William, 9th Earl of Derby, 1655-1702.

w^m and his Lady ¹ pray give my service wth y^e enclos'd [it was an Almanac]). We have had here also a like disease, y^t very few has escaped, and whereof some have died; it caused me to keep my chamber for some time, but now I am very well recover'd. &c—

Att y^e same time I writt to my Mother as Followes

Dear Mother, Sometime after M^r Bowness was come to toun he acquainted me y^t You had shew'd him my Letter wherein I had spoke somew^t concerning him, and wth a great deal of Passion accus'd me for writing such a one; and in Truth I co^d not blame him, for it was such a Letter as was not fit to be seen by y^e party spoke of; but I was very much astonish'd y^t You sho'd let him see it: for thô there had been nothing but truth in it (as perhaps there was not) yet such truth ought not to be spoke at all times; and if I rightly remember, I had desired secresy in it. W^t character he might give You of me I Know not, but since I am not conscious to my self of any great errours, I do not value w^t either he or any one els might suggest. I suppose he wo'd be ready enough to exclaim at my extravagancy in writing for such summes, since he never had y^e like, but wth all he might have consider'd, y^t I have not so much as one Farthing from y^e Col. whereas he was never wthout a considerable Stipend from it, and g^o sho'd not have made any Comparisons. Yet I do not envy him his happiness, If I may so call it, but wish it greater yⁿ it is. In my opinion he has had very hard measure of late, and God Knowes wⁿ he will have any redress. If You please You may send me a shirt or two y^e next return, and in exchange I shall send You some old ones. I hope it will not be very long y^t I shall be thus troublesome to You; time now weares a way apace, and if I were once in Orders, who Knowes but Providence might provide some small Curacy or other benefice for me. All things are at an extraordinary Price here at present—

About y^e beginning of December there was proposals made to some of our house to go over into Mary-land, amongst y^e rest to me, and because I was in some trouble about y^e old business, I had some mind of embracing the offer, and to go along wth M^r Tubman,² & M^r Sanders, but before I wo'd resolve on anything I thought it fit to acquaint my Father of it w^{ch} I did in y^s following letter.

Q.C. in O. December y^e 11th (93). S^r, M^r Bownes tells me You are well, and I am very glad to hear it, but I fear You have almost forgot me, since no mention is made of me in y^r letter to him, at least none y^t he has been pleas'd to acquaint me with. I believe there is some deep plott a carrying on since he is so reserv'd of late, and will not as formerly shew me y^e Letters he writes to and receives from You, but I wo'd desire You to have a care w^t You do. As far as I can understand he sowes his plo^ts no deeper yⁿ y^t a Jackdaw may easily pluck up, and truly I dow begin to

¹ Dr. Marmaduke Witham and Catherine (Leyburn) his wife.

² George Tubman, son of Richard T. of Talantire, Cumberland; matric. Queen's Coll., 16 Mar., 1686-87, aged 18; B.A. 1690; M.A. 1693 (Foster).

smell a money business in y^e case ; I believe y^t I am not y^e onely person in Oxon y^t wants a recruit. I Know, I Know my expences are great, & such as in y^e country may seem very extravagant ; and justly, because You do not rightly apprehend y^e many wayes y^t money goes, neither indeed can You ; You Know little I suppose of our exercise here, w^{ch} we do perform for our degrees ; every month allmost now I have something to do in y^e schooles w^{ch} costs money, sometimes a Noble a time sometimes 10^s. and no longer ago yⁿ last friday it cost me at least 18^s for being examined, and after all exercise I have stil my M.A. degree to take, w^{ch} I cannot believe will cost me less yⁿ 10^l. But why do I reckon up these, since there are wayes enow besides for me y^t has nothing from y^e Col. to expend Money. Every things is extraordinary dear, winter comes on very sharp, y^e snow lies thick about our dorres, and we must have fire. In a word 'tis altogether impossible for me to live here att any cheaper rate yⁿ I do ; And since it is so I am resolv'd not to tarry long. Here has been a proposal to me and y^e rest of my Brethren in y^e Coll. of going over into Mary Land next spring, to supply some vacant places there, to w^{ch} indeed, I was not very unwilling, neither shall be, if You think it convenient. The places will not be despicable, and transportation wo'd cost nothing ; besides y^e Bishop of London will give each man y^t goes 20^l in hand. I must confess I am not very eagerly set upon it, but if You judge it fit I shall easily give my assent, and be as ready to begin a quarter of a year's voiage, as I was my last. If You do resolve of y^s let me Know as soon as possible, otherwise I may be disappointed. But if You be resolv'd y^t I shall stay in England, I do not intend to stay above a year and $\frac{1}{2}$ at Oxon more at longest, and perhaps before y^t time be expired, You may be eas'd of part of y^r Burthin. In y^e interim I shall be very chargeable to You. M^r Bownes told me likewise y^t D^r Witham and his Lady had left You, w^{ch} was very strange Newes to me, since y^e D^r seem'd to take such delight in y^e place y^e last Year. The reason of his departure I sho'd be glad to learn from You, wⁿ You please to write to me. M^r Dalton Parson of Shap¹ is y^e Bearer of y^s. who came last week to see his son here, and who at y^e writing of y^s was wth me in my chamber, to w^m I co'd not chuse but be civil ; because he has show'd himself generous at Shap.

Almost as soon as my Father co'd have y^s I receiv'd from him by the Post w^t follows.

Loving Son, I pray do not blame y^r Mother for shewing y^r Mid Summer Letter to y^r T. for on y^e Saturday it came, he came to Kendall seeking for some Letters : but y^e Carrier was gone by, and had taken his Letters wth him ; yⁿ he sought out for y^{rs}, and hearing of its coming homewardest persued it, and over-past it, and came to us before it, being very desirous to see it ; And wⁿ he and I were gone to Leavens² hoddng wth his mare to grass, wⁿ we came in again y^r Letter was come & lying on y^e stall where I sit, so y^t he saw it as soon as I. Opening it and finding matter not

¹ Shap is a parish, etc., 12 miles S.E. of Penrith.

² Levens is a parish in Westmoreland, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. of Kendal. It contains the celebrated mansion, Levens Hall.

fit for him either to see or hear, I got it into my Chist. But oh in w^t a Condition he was in I cannot express. And he promis'd y^t he wo'd take in good part w^tsoever was written so he might but see it. Both y^r Mother and I were very much troubled y^t those things sho'd happen so unfortunately. However to get him pacified, I was forc'd to fetch the Letter, And he promis'd never to make anything to do about it, nor to tell you Y^t he had either heard or seen it, but it seems he hath not perform'd: and I excus'd You wth w^t Arguments I co'd invent, to pass by w^t You had writt in passion, and I wo'd do y^e Same, and let it die. Y^r time is but short, therefore carry y^r self as fair as You can towards him and others til You have taken y^r Degree. I am sensible of y^e costs and troubles y^t are coming. And gō I will (God willing) send y^e money You write for. I see by y^e included note ['twas a catalogue of some disadvantages I had met wth thrō my Tutor] w^t hath happened and for whose cause. You see w^t he hath writ to me * and I have answer'd him again, y^t if y^r Quarterly battles come on, y^t You do pay out of y^e Money I sent You. Y^r Mother intendes to send You 2 Shirts. I have sent y^e Almanac to D^r Witham, who wth his wife, lives in Yorkshire, where he thinks to get quit of y^e Quartan Ague, but it is not y^e change of y^e Place y^t will cure it, for it continues wth him. This is all at present, wth our dayly prayers to God for You, and our Blessing, I rest y^r lo. father, Jo: Brockbank. Witherslack, December 15 (93). The D^r ¹ hath tabled his son and Nurse wth Fra: Boness.

By y^s Letter I understood how my Tutor came to see my Letter, & w^t y^e business was my Father writ to him about; it was in answer to this following Letter of his.

* Q. Col. in Oxon. Nov. 10th (93). S^r, I suppose quarterly payment of y^r Sons battles will be required hereafter, and therefore I desire You to return to me (if You can conveniently) 10^l about Candlemass, or send it by the Carrier, but be sure to seal it up, lest thrō his neglect or Knavery I be disappointed of it. Pray give my Service to y^r good wife, and tell her y^t I can give her no account of her son, all I can say is this: Let him be what he will, I hope with Gods blessing to live so, y^t neither he nor You shall ever have any reason to distrust y^r Affectionate Friend and serv^t Edw. Bowness. Pray return Y^r answer by y^e next Post.

About y^e beginning of January I receiv'd y^s in answer to mine of December y^e 11th.

Loving Son, I writ to You on y^e 15th of this present December wherein You have y^e reasons of y^r T: Knowing y^e contents of y^r Midsummer Letter. And of D^r Withams being in Yorkshire; And y^t I purpose to send You (God willing) y^e money You writ for by y^e Carrier. Y^r Mother intends to send You 2 Shirts, and y^t You sho'd pay y^r Battles y^r Self out of y^e Money I sent You at Michaelmass last, and several other things were inserted in y^e said Letter. But now further I tell You y^t M^r Rob^t Myers hath deserted

Hawkshead school, and M^r Bullfell * of Staveley¹ hath obtain'd it. About Martinmas last Eliz. wife of Wil. Wharton went from her husband and children to London thro' some discontent between her and her husband. Katherine Hartley is in childbed, but y^e child is dead. And Rob^t Cookes wife is dead of y^e small pox. And whereas in y^s y^r Letter my advice w^{ch} way to steer y^r course, and I advise You to steer it any way where it May be for Gods glory, and y^e good of Souls but sea-wards. And I earnestly desire You to banish out of y^r heart, what thoughts, intents, and purposes you have to pass over y^e Sea. This Kingdom is large enough, and places many in it, and tho' at present good places are hard to come by, yet for any one y^t truly feares God, and lives in Sincerity & truth, need not fear but in time to obtain a place sufficient. It is dangerous passing y^e Sea, at y^s time upon severall accounts, In regard of y^e French Privateers, Pirats, rocks, Sands, Storms & tempest, and severall other things may happen. And besides all these things, You have no necessity, to go into any forrain Lands for a lively hood ; blessed be God you may depend to obtain a good temporall estate of Inheritance here in England, w^{ch} will be sufficient to maintain You, if You had no Other way to do. And we have no more but You, and therefore I wonder y^t You sho'd have any thought upon such a thing. Let y^m go y^t are not so well provided for as You are. And wⁿ You have taken y^r Degree and desire a place question not, but here in y^s Kingdom will be places enow for such as are carefull, and truly serving God, and let me hear no more of Y^r going You Know not whither. This Advise, wth my daily prayers to God for You and my blessing, is all at present from Y^r Father Jo: Brockbank. Dec. 29 (93).

As a Postscript this from my Mother *patris digitis* subscrib'd *propriis*.

Son Thomas, I wonder w^t You mean thus to break my heart, is y^s y^e requitall, for all my great paines and care I have had of You ? W^t restless nights ? W^t cumbersom dayes ? W^t trouble and sorrow have I had about You ? And must I be thus rewarded ? Is y^s all you regard y^r Father and y^r Grandfather, y^r country, y^r Friends & relations ? Y^e Estate we have bought and paid for ? You tell of coming to take Y^r last farewell, but I pray spare labour and do not give y^r Self y^e trouble ; if you purpose to go to y^e place You write off never look me in y^e Face ; W^t ? cannot y^s Kingdom satisfie You, w^t cannot y^e Place we have bought please You ? When You have taken y^r Degree come down ; if You cannot find a place there perhaps You may do here ; if it be but a mean one. Son, I hope You have done nothing y^t you need depart y^e Land for, and y^s wth my prayers and blessing is all att present from Y^r Mother, Mary Brockbanke.

As a Post-post-script this from my Grand father.

Dear Sr. I was att y^r Fathers house where I saw y^r last Letter w^{ch} struck a mazement into my very heart, & teares from mine Eyes, to conceive y^t You sho'd have thoughts to leave y^r own native land, but more es-

¹ Staveley : probably the village of that name in N. Lancashire, at the foot of Windermere and 5 miles N. of Cartmel. There is however another Staveley in the neighbourhood, about halfway between Kendal and Windermere.

pecially y^r dear Parents, who have been so tender over You. You are as Benjamin was to old Jacob, y^e Staff of y^{tr} life, and they have provided a good lively-hood for You. But besides, I hope You are a Man y^t feareth God, and y^e promise is You Know, y^t they y^t fear y^e Lord shall want nothing y^t is good; therefore wait upon God, he will never fail y^m y^t trust in him. I hope God will provide for You in y^r own country, where You may be a comfort to y^r Parents, and a Joy to all y^r Relations. But a word to a wise man is enough. From y^r endeared Granfather Thomas Willan, 4 Feb. 93.

I never had any very great appetite to leave England, so y^t it was no wonder if these Letters did quite turn my Stomac. And now y^e Carrier's come to town, I expect to receive some^{w^t} from him, w^t it is y^e following Letter will tell.

Loving Son, I have now sent You 14^l and y^r Mother hath sent You 2 Shirts, both by y^e Carrier T.B. and paid him for y^e Carriage of both. We had y^{rs} on y^e 16th of January last. The D^r¹ desires to be remembered to You giving You thanks for y^e Token, who has been here to see his Child, and his other concerns. The Parson of Aldingham² is dead, that living is y^e gift of y^e Crown: Judeth Dawson is very weak. S^r Tho: Strickland³ is dead in France, his Lady is out of Favour. This day I sealed y^e Money up to You, for it is choise Money. This, wth our prayers and blessing is all at present from Y^r Father & Mother, Jo: M. Brockbanke. Kendale, Feb. 17th 1693.

To y^s I return'd this answer by y^e Carrier.

S^r I receiv'd of Burnyeats y^e Summ of 14^l all very good Money, as likewise 2 shirts from my Mother, and do no[w] return in place thereof some such things as my Mother was a speaking to me about w^a I was in y^e Country. M^r Bowness, I suppose intends for y^e North very speedily, but he sayes he thinks he shall not have opportunity to visit You, because his Stay will be very short. I hear M^r Tulley,⁴ formerly a Master of our house

¹ *i.e.* Dr. Marmaduke Witham of Witherslack Hall, *jure uxoris*. The child was either John Leyburn Witham or his sister Catherine.

² The deceased parson was William Thompson, who is identified in the *V.C.H.*, *Lancs.*, vol. viii., p. 327, with a William Thompson, Rector of Thurston, 1679 to 1683, and Prebendary of Chester, who *d.* 9 Jan. 1693/4. He was s. by Thomas Tullie, 2 May, 1694.

³ Sir Thomas Strickland of Sizergh, Westmoreland, born 1621; made banneret at Edge Hill, 1642; M.P. for Westmoreland, 1661; Privy Purse to Charles II; of the Privy Council to James II. He followed the latter into exile and died in France, 8 Jan., 1694. The lady who is reported as "out of Favour" was his second wife, Winefred, dau. and coheir of Sir Christopher Trentham of Rocester, co. Stafford.

⁴ Thomas Tullie, son of Timothy T., of Middleton, co. Durham; matric. St. Edmund Hall 30 Oct., 1671, aged 15; B.A. 1675; M.A. 1678; LL.D. 1716; Vicar of Newburn, Northumberland, 1683; Chancellor of Carlisle, 1685; Vicar of Crosthwaite, Cumberland, 1710; Dean of Carlisle, 1716, until his death, 30 Jan. 1726/7 (Foster).

has obtain'd Aldingham. Mr Garnets son of Kendale (who has now a place in Northamptonshire) puts in for a benefice at Cocker mouth. Pray give my duty to my Mother, and all relations, and love and service to all friends and acquaintances, and continue y^r love and Kindness to S^r, &c. T.B. I am at present under some small trouble, w^t y^e event will be I yet cannot tell but as soon as possible You shall know.

This trouble was stopping my name, y^e event removing to S^t Mary Hall. At y^s time I writ to my Grandfather as followes.

S^r. I thank You for y^r advice to me in a postscript to my F. Letter of y^e 9th of December, w^{ch} wth w^t my Parents there remonstrated, has totally suppress all thoughts of leaving y^s K.dom ; For since they and You also seem to be so averse to it, I must conclude it not expedient for me, thô, I must confess y^t my opinion is not altogether y^e same wth my Friendes in y^s particular. I thank God all Places are alike to me, and if I can but wth honesty, get food and Raiment, & other necessities of Life, my greatest Ambition will be satisfied. Burnyeats told me he called at Kirby, but you were from home, yet y^t You were in good health w^{ch} was no small Joy to me.

This was in answer to his page 90.¹ Those from my Parents I had answer'd before by y^e Post : I shall transcribe my answers. This to my Father.

Q. Col. Oxon. Jan. 1693/94. S^r. 2 I receiv'd y^{rs} bth of y^e 15th and 29th of y^e last month, and in y^e former some included for w^{ch} I thank You [it was y^e copy of my Tutors Letter, see p. 89].² You were pleas'd also to tell me of a note y^t was amongst my Letters y^e last return ; and indeed 'tis possible I might wrap some w^t up in haste, y^t otherwise I sho'd not, For I remember I was call'd away about some business wⁿ I was a closing up my packet : However I suppose it was of small consequence, & go if You please You may burn it. Y^{rs} of y^e 29th was at London on New Years day, and wth me soon after w^{ch} makes me think it has been carried in y^e Air, not on horse back : But w^t way soever it came, it was very acceptable, and has put some thoughts out of my mind wth w^{ch} my head was fraught ; But I co'd have wish'd you had positively commanded rather yⁿ desired me : Not but y^e desire is equivalent to a command, but to exercise y^r Authority over me. There were some proposalls made to me yesterday about y^e same affair, w^{ch} wo'd be both very profitable, and honourable too, to w^{ch} I wo'd give no ear, neither shall trouble You with y^m Since I perceive no conditions whatever wo'd get y^r assent. I have Kept my intentions very private ; I wo'd desire You to do y^e like. Mr Bowness told me a while ago, he intended to leave us, and live in y^e country, since he cannot live here wth content—

¹ i.e. p. 90 of MS. See letter dated 4 Feb., 1693/4.

² i.e. p. 89 of MS. See letter of 10 Nov., 1693.

To my Mother p. 90.¹

Q.C. Jan. 1693 $\frac{1}{4}$. Dear Mother, I cannot but wonder y^t You sho'd break out into passion at w^t I writ in my last, since 'twas onely to begg advice of my Father and You w^t to do under my Circumstances, y^t I gave You the trouble of y^t Letter. If I had put to Sea wthout y^r consent, I might justly have been accused both of great disobedience and monstrous ingratitude ; but wⁿ I only told You w^t conditions had been propos'd, and referr'd myself wholly to y^r determinatiō methinks I am excusable, and you might have spar'd some of those passionate expressions, whereby You seem to accuse me for forgetting those great things You have done for me. I Know 'tis y^r love and tenderness y^t caused those troubles in y^r Soul, but You may please to cheer up y^r Spirits again, if y^t the thoughts of my leaving England caused those storms in y^r Breast, for I have given over all such intentions. W^t you were pleas'd to insert towards y^e conclusion of y^r Letter has touch'd me nearly ; for whereas You hope I have done nothing for w^{ch} I need depart y^e Land, I fear You have some Jealousy, y^t I have done some such thing. I shall not justifie my Self, let y^e end shew w^t I am. I co'd say much more, but y^e cold night has even benum'd me, and besides y^e clock has struck twelve, so y^t 'tis time to give over writing and go to sleep. This gō wth my Duty to You is all at present from him, who desires to live no longer yⁿ while he is, Dear Mother, Y^r dutifull son T.B.

These two Letters might have been placed more conveniently after my Grandfathers Letter p. 91² at y^e sign of Jupiter. I spake of some trouble I was under p. 92.³ I shall now give a more full account of it, but first I must turn over a New lave. This year 94 begins wth my leaving Q. Col. and entering in St Mary Hall ; M^r Rook⁴ (y^e yⁿ Burser) stop'd my name, for not paying my Battles quarterly, whereupon I got a liceat migrare from y^e Provost, and about Lady day I enter'd my name in St Mary Halls buttery book, and on y^e 27th paid y^e Mancipall 4^s for Caution. I acquainted my Father herewith, and receiv'd y^s in answer.

Loving son, I had y^r Letter by y^e Carrier, wth a packet wherein was a wigg wth some other things : And also another Letter by y^e Post whereby I understand y^t You are removed from Q. to St M. Hall. And for y^e Money You write for, I purpose (God willing) to send it by y^e Carrier att his next return, for he has carried hitherto truly. Judith Dawson was buried on y^e 12th of March last. Yesterday M^r George Leyburn came hither (from Tranthwaite where he lives wth his son John lately come out of France, his son Tunstall and his wife, his daughter Ann his sister Frances

¹ i.e. p. 90 of MS. See letter of 19 Dec., 1693.

² i.e. p. 91 of MS. See second postscript to letter dated 29 Dec. 1693.

³ P. 92 of MS.

⁴ William Rooke, son of J. Rooke of Workington, Cumberland; matric. Queen's Coll. 22 Oct. 1669, aged 17; B.A. 1674; M.A. 1677; B.D. 1690; Vicar of Plumstead, Kent, 1691, and Rector of Hadley, Hants, 1695 (Foster, *Alumni, Oxon.*).

and Mr Cotton) and Mr^{rs} Witham who is at present come out of Yorkshire to see her son, & her Mother, who are both out of health, but y^e D^r is not come for he cannot free himself of his ague. All these wth y^{rs} Attendants were at James Hartleys wth severall other persons,—where M^r Leyburn bestowed great care on us all, and freed y^e whole charge; and all y^e said persons y^t Know You desired to be remembered to You. This wth my & y^r Mothers blessing & prayers is all at present from y^r lo. Fa. Jo: Brockbanke. Witherslack April 24th 1694.

Before I receiv'd any more Letters, I took my M.A. degree, to effect w^{ch} I had a chancellours Letter w^{ch} pass'd in good time, so y^t I commenc'd before y^e Paper Act, w^{ch} sav'd me 40^s. This y^t followes was w^t I receiv'd next from my Father by y^e Carrier.

Loving Son, I have sent You by y^e Carrier T.B. 18^l in w^{ch} are 2 guineas valued at 1^l 2^s a piece, for so we have y^m and they will make it here: But if they be not at y^t value wth You, let me Know it, and I will trouble You with no more. I writ in my last of y^e death of Judith Dawson, and severall other things: Ann Keen is dead since and severall others. The crewds¹ are very rife amongst us, and our Rob^t is in y^m at present, and very Many of our Schollars: Ed. Barwick is gone for Ireland. The D^r & his Lady have been here, but he is gone again for Yorkshire. I have sealed up y^e Money for You. This is all at present from y^r Father and Mother Jo: and M: Brockbanke. Kendale June 23^d 1694.

This I thus answered.

S^r, Since my last I have taken y^e Degree of M (Ar. D^r) of Arts, w^{ch} (all things consider'd) has cost me a great deal of Money; and made me run deep in my Creditours bookes, part of w^{ch} debts I have washed away wth y^e 16^l You sent me, but part stil remains, and gō I must desire You y^e next opportunity to send me some recruits, if you can conveniently 12^l or 14^l. I think I acquainted You y^t I did intend to take Orders at Trinity, but I was disapointed, thrō I do not Know w^t order lately made at Lambeth, y^t no man must be ordain'd, who has not a real tittle. i. who is not benefic'd, so y^t now I find my Self in a sort of Dilemma, out of w^{ch} it will be difficult to get for since I have no preferment I cannot be ordained, and because I am not ordain'd I can have no preferment: yet if it please You I will try w^t I can do y^e next ordination, for Orders are cheaper here yⁿ in any place in either Province beside, thō not very cheap now y^e paper act galls so sore. I did think to have seen You shortly, but cannot conveniently, for since I am a Member of y^e venerable house of Convocation, I must sometime make my appearance there, til my year of Regency (as y. call it) be expir'd, or els pay my fees for absence; besides I am oblig'd to examine publicly some Young Men y^t are about taking their Degrees. I am sorry to hear of y^e Death & sickness of so many of my Quondam Acquaintance, but glad not to hear You are in y^e Number. Some Gentlemen of Q. are in y^e Country who may perhaps visit You. M^r Bowness

¹ Crewds = measles (Wright's *Dialect Dictionary*).

tells me he will be down in August. M^r Brownsword, M^r Cowhird, M^r Cort of Kendale, and M^r Baines of K. Lonsdale were here a while ago. Pray give my Service to my Superiours, love to my Equals, and duty to my Relations, especially to my Dear Mother, and continue y^r Prayers for and love towards, S^r, Y^r obedient son T.B. Let me hear from You w^t Y^r advice is concerning my affaires as soon as possible.

At y^s time I receiv'd another Letter from y^e Carrier, and it was y^s y^t followes from my Grandfather.

M^r Thomas Brockbanke, Having opertunity I co'd not pas by but send You these lines thò I am very infirm at present to write, but You are continually upon my heart. I have been sick and infirme ever since ascention Thursday and got but out of door y^e Sunday y^t Burnyeats came by us. I was [sick ?] for 3 weekes y^t w^a I got up y. did bear me 'twixt bed & fire, but blessed be God for his goodness: for goodness and mercy have been wth me in every condition. Dear S^r w^t comfort wo'd it be, y^t y^r Friends and Relations might enjoy You, but especially y^r dear Parents, w^a they grow old, y^t you might be a comfort to them, for w^t comfort in y^s life, but in y^e enjoyment one of an other. I beseech You be carefull how You spend time for time is pretious and cannot be called again. The Lord hath put a Talent into y^r head to See how You will improve it; You Know it is our Sav^{rs} own word, he y^t hath it shall be given to him, but he y^t hath not, from him shall be taken all y^t he hath, y^t is for want of improvement; therefore I entreat You Now in the prime of y^r time, to improve it for y^e Glory of God, and y^e good of others, and y^e comfort of y^r immortall soul. God Knowes whether ever I shall see y^r face, but let these my hearty desires prevail wth You, and y^a I have my ——— [illeg.]. S^r I am not in a capacity to enlarge, but beg y^r Pardon. Y^r Dear and loving G. F. to command Thomas Willan. From Kirby y^e 24th of June (94).

This I likewise answered by y^e Carrier as followes.

S^t Mary Hall in Oxon July y^e 14th (94). S^r, I am allways glad to hear from You, but sorry to hear of y^r late Indisposition, for it cannot be but such illness in an antient body must work so bad effects, as nature will scarce ever be able to repair. However if these Infirmities be prejudiciall to y^r outward, I am confident they are otherwise to y^e better part, and instead of weakning they strengthen You in Patience, Humility, and evenness of Mind. W^t You tel me, viz^t y^t my presence wo'd be gratefull to my Friends I have reason to believe, & gō I am a weaning my thoughts from an University life, and do submitt myself wholly to y^e directions and commands of Parents and Friends, w^a I hope er long to see. I have taken y^e Degree of Master of Arts, but cannot as yet wth convenience be absent from Oxon but so soon as business will permitt, I shall be for a Journey. In y^e Interim I desire y^r Prayers, and y^t You wo'd be pleas'd to give my love, service, & duty to such of my Relations and Friends as You shall see, and withall never to have any other sentiments of me y^a y^t I am Dear Sir, Y^r most dutiful, most obliged & most Thankful Grand Child T.B.

This was found among my Grandfathers papers after his death. I suppose I have lost some Letters, for y^e next y^t I can find is y^s w^{ch} was in answer to one of mine about Abbey Holm.¹

Loving son, You write y^t You have some hopes of a small place called Abby Holm: If it be but a small place, yet wth Gods blessing and good husbandry it may do well. For thō y^e benefit be little it is cheap-living in y^e Country, so y^t 30^l may be worth 60^l in some other. But enquire w^t y^e value of it is in y^e Kings books for if it be either Parsonage or Viccarage there will be charges, for if y^e value be 8^l or above there will be first fruits and subsidies paid out of it, if it be under 8^l yⁿ only Tenths yearly: But if You miss of it, other or others may in time be heard of and obtain'd, but You must make Friends, for w^{thout} a Friend it is very hard to obtain any considerable place in these dayes. And y^e place where You are and have been 7 yeares is likely for You to hear of & obtain a place. I think it well done if You go to London, wⁿ You have a convenient time, and y^e weather seasonable to visit y^r Kind Coz. Speight, who has been so Kind to You, as to come twice to see You, and if You miss of y^e said place it may be that God and he may stirr up some Friend y^t may do you good, as M^r Ed. Cook or some other, who have some Interest in some good man in Authority in y^e Court. D^r Barwick is old and blind, and hath no mind to meddle, for I have solicited him on y^r behalf, and he tells me y^t he hath no interest in any great person of y^e revolution. On y^e 7th October I had a Letter from y^r Tutor, dated y^e 15th of September—wherein he desir'd me to pay to M^r Breakes Curate of Bolton 15^s being part of arreares due to him upon y^e account of You. The money I have not paid, because I had sent Money to You; out of w^{ch} You might pay y^r Tutor. The said M^r Breakes hath written to me about it, therefore let me Know forth with how y^e matter is between You and y^r Tutor. And y^t I may either send y^e Money to y^e Man, or an answer how it is. And y^s is all at present from y^r Father and Mother Wth our daily prayers and Blessing. J. & M. Brockbank. Witherslack, Nov. 23^d 1694.

To y^s I return y^s Answer.

S^t M. Hall in Oxon. Newyearsday (94). S^r, I need not I suppose inform You of her Majesties death,² for I doubt not 'er y^e perusing of this you will hear of y^t Sad Newes, since such does usually fly fast Enough; yet because You may not be rightly inform'd of it, I shall tell You y^t about 10 dayes agoe we had Newes y^e Q. was sick of y^e Small pox at Kensington, but very likely to do well; since y^t time we had nothing more til last Friday's Letters, whereby we were inform'd, y^t she was so dangerously ill, y^t all hopes of life were gone, and some private letters did positively say she was dead: On Saturday we had certain word, y^t she died about 1 a clock on Friday Morning. Her death is generally lamented by all true sons of y^e church of *England*, since while alive she was such a Nursing Mother to it; and I think there is none y^t is not sorry for y^e loss

¹ Abbey Holme or Holme Abbey is a par., etc., in Cumberland, 5 miles N.W. of Wigton.

² Queen Mary II.

of so good, so vertuous a Queen. But y^e K. is really y^e greatest mourner, suffering not only y^e loss of a consort, but also of a most chaste, most loving wife ; one in whom he does declare, he never Knew so much as y^e shaddow of any y^e least fault. That his sorrow is real is evident from y^e violent passion of grief, w^{ch} seiz'd him at her departure, and so depress'd his spirits y^t he fainted, and was not recovered wthout being let blood. On Saturday morning the Parliament did address y^e K. wth a Declaration of y^lr Faith and Loyalty, assuring him they wo'd stand by him wth y^lr lives and fortunes. I hear y^e Q. is to be buried privately y^e next week [but y^s was fals]. We are here so taken up wth y^s distracting newes, y^t we cannot much mind anything els, and some public thoughts have so possessed me y^t I had almost forgot my own private affaires, and w^t I was chiefly to write about. One Ogle¹ is presented to Abbey-Holm, against w^m no body appear'd his Friends of Q. Col. having made such Interest for him, y^t 'twas thought in vain to stand in competition wth him ; besides all y^t Know y^e place do give it so bad a character, y^t I had no great stomach to it, since my constitution is such y^t I could not endure its unwholsom Air, nor w^{ch} is wors, y^e clamourous noise of its most factious rabble. Since y^e place was dispos'd of, I have been frustrated of some other my expectations, yet stil I live in hope ; At present I have an Eye of a beneficial, at least an honourable post in y^e University, w^{ch} if I co'd obtain I sho'd remain well satisfied therewth. [It was y^e vice-principalship of Edmond hall, but I miss on't] but because I have been somew^t unfortunate in my undertakings, I shall not set my mind too much upon it. My Friends at London are not in a capacity to do me any great Kindness, but I have some here w^{ch} may and in time wo'd, no doubt, show themselves to be truly such : But my stay here being like to be so Short, I fear y. will have no opportunity to do it. However whether I stay longer yⁿ y^e next return of y^e Carrier or no (w^{ch} wholly lies in y^r Breast) I must desire You to send me at least 10^s at Shrovetide, for still my necessities are great, and will be so long as I continue in y^e Station I am in. M^r Bowness seems a little angry y^t You have not paid 15^s to M^r Breakes, but truly I think You have y^e greatest reason to be angry for he Kept y^e money he receiv'd of You so long in his handes, y^t I was forc'd to leave Q.C. thereupon. If you write to him about it pray tell him You expect I sho'd pay off such triviall Debts and not trouble You wth them, and y^t You desire a more particular account how affaires are betwixt us yⁿ hitherto You have had : for my part I cannot give You any good one. The small Pox proves fatal to Many, but we hope y^s hard frost (w^{ch} is so violent y^t in 2 or 3 nights y^e Thames is frozen over here) may put a stop to y^t pestiferous disease—

The Next and last Letters y^t I receiv'd y^s year (94) were these two on one sheet of Paper from my Father, by the Carrier.

Loving Son, M^r Bowness's first Letter came to me on y^e 7th of October, wherein he desired me to send to M^r Breakes curate of Bolton 15^s being due to him upon y^r account but on y^e day before I had written and sent Money

¹ John Ogle, son of J. O. of Bradford, Northumberland ; matric. Queen's Coll. 4 Apr. 1691, aged 20 ; B.A. 23 May, 1691 ; Vicar of Holme Cultram, with Newton, Cumberland, 1695. Abbey Holme is in Holme Cultram (Foster).

to You. And wⁿ You writt back by y^e Car^r you mention'd nothing of it. On y^e 16th of November M^r Breakes writt to me, telling me he had receiv'd a Letter from M^r Bowness, to certifie me y^t on y^e last day of October 1693 he y^e said M^r Bowness, accounted wth You and received 1^l 18^s 6^d, and there remained due to him 15^s more. I writ to You on y^e 23^d of November to know y^e certainty of it. But on y^e 22^d of December I had a 2^d Letter from M^r Bowness continuing his desire to pay 15^s to y^e said M^r Breakes. And wⁿ y^r Letter dated y^e 1st of January came You do not write positively whether y^e 15^s is due or not for You to pay. But tell me y^t M^r Bowness seems a little angry y^t I have not paid y^e said 15^s, and tell me also y^t I have greater reason to be angry wth him, because he Kept y^e Money I deposited into his hands for Y^r use so long y^t You were forc'd to leave y^e Col. upon it, and y^t if I write to him to tell him I expect you to pay such triviall debts, and not to trouble me wth y^m: and y^t I sho'd desier a more particular account, how matters go betwixt You and him, yⁿ hitherto I have had, and y^t You say, y^t You can not give any good one. I have allways ordered You to take y^r account, and if You cannot tell how y^e account passeth betwixt You, yⁿ w^t account he is pleas'd to make I must take it, because I cannot contradict it: however w^t Money I have sent him my note book will tell me, but w^t he hath paid for You I cannot tell. But to prevent a difference betwixt You, I have deposited into y^e hands of Rob^t Cowhird y^e said 15^s for y^e use of y^e said M^r Breakes upon M^r Bowness' account, and written to y^e said M^r Breakes to send for it. And y^s done by y^r loving Father Jo: Brockbanke. January 26th 1694.

The other Letter was as followes

Loving Son, I have sent You by y^e Carrier T.B. 10^l and paid him for y^e Carriage of it. I wrote y^t London or y^e place where you are were y^e likeliest places y^t I Knew of to get a place in. You say y^r friends at London are not in a capacity to help You in y^s Kind. But You have friendes wth You, y^t can and will help You in time, but you fear y^t Yr stay will be so short y^t no opportunity will happen in y^t Interim. Therefore my advice is y^t You stay a little longer if you have any hopes of obtaining a place convenient for You, wherein You may be serviceable unto God and to it. And suppose You get not a place altogether to y^r content, yet it may do well for You and You for it. And in y^e mean time, if You can get any honest place or office in y^e University, by w^{ch} You can get something towards y^r Maintenance, it w^od do well. M^r Farrington hath gotten a place [Penrith] And M^r Jefferson * is admitted schoolmaster in his stead att Kendale. Robert Hebblethwaites wife is dead. M^r Wilsons son y^t hath staid long at home and y^r Junior is ordain'd, and so is M^r Fleming, so I hope in time You will meet wth a convenient place, and undertake y^t function w^{ch} y^r affections inclines You to. This is all at present from y^r loving Father, Jo: Brockbanke. Witherslack Feb. 8th 1694.

M^r Sympson had newes y^s Journey y^t M^r Kenion * of Orton was dead, and persuaded me to write to my Father, to desire him to put in for y^t place; y^s I did, and answer'd y^e two former Letter[s] by y^s y^t followes.

S^t Marie-Hall, Oxon. Feb. 25. 9th. S^r, I have receiv'd of y^e Carrier 10th wth y^r Letters, and am very glad to find You willing I sho'd stay a while longer at Oxon : But sorry wthall y^t I cannot afford You occasion likewise to rejoyce by telling You part of Y^r Burden is taken off ; Fortune has tantalized me hitherto, For I have had preferment in prospect y^s great while, but wⁿ I thought it sure, it allways slid from me. The Truth is want of orders has made me incapable of accepting w^t has been proffered me, for since my last, I have had y^e refusall both of a Curacy and Vicaridge : And indeed 'tis not so easy at y^s place to be ordain'd as You may suppose. The 2 last Ember weekes our B.¹ was at London, but if he had been here perhaps neither M^r Fleming nor M^r Wilson sho'd e'r a whit y^e sooner have been reckon'd among y^e sons of y^e Clergy : However at Trinity I intend to try whether yⁿ I shall be thought worthy to receive part in y^e Ministry, and in y^e mean time I shall endeavour to qualifie my self for y^t function. But tho' I have been Balk'd in my hopes as to my own preferment, yet give me leave to think You wo'd not be disappointed if You co'd but perswade y^rself to endeavour to succeed M^r Kenyon at Orton for I hear y^t old Gentleman is dead. And sure 6 or 7 score £ per annum is not to be dispised, I mean where You might perform y^r Duty as well as any where els. The parishioners do present to y^e Place, and I do not in the least doubt but You wo'd give y^m great comfort. Besides M^r Bowness's Brother is a chief Man amongst them, and he, I dare assure You, wo'd vigourously expouse Y^r interest. Pray permit me to be earnest wth You to look about it in time, and do not think bec. You are well stricken in Yeares, you sho'd miss of it, for y^t wo'd be a pervailing argument for You. There will be some trouble I confess in attaining it, but y^t will not be considerable if You look at y^e Benefit ; neither let y^e fear of displeasing Your present neighbours be any hindrance to You, for they may easily be perswaded 'tis for my good You seek after it : and truly so it wo'd be very much, for You might keep both places and have me to officiate in one of them. Pray consider well of it and let me know w^t You design ; I shall even long to hear w^t You determine. In my last I told You y^e Q. was to be interred privately, but y^t was a mistake in our Newes writers, for her funeral rites are to be Perform'd on tuesday y^e 4th of March, on w^{ch} day all y^e bells in England are to be rung from 9 to 10, from 2 to 3, from 6 to 7 of y^e clock. The bearer hereof is M^r Bowness youngest Brother. Pray give my Service and duty to all Friends and Relations especially to Mother and Grandfather (y^e carrier tells me he is wth You) and ever reserve a blessing for &c.

This I sent by George Bowness, and by y^e Carrier I sent this other.

S^t. M. H. in Oxon. March 11th 169th. S^r. If mine of y^e 25th ult^o has come to y^r hands You are inform'd y^t I have receiv'd w^t was sent me by y^e Carrier, and y^t Orton is become vacant by y^e death of M^r Kenyon, w^{ch} place I wo'd gladly have You to put in for ; if You wo'd make a vigorous attempt, I do not much doubt, but You wo'd carry it. I shall be indebted e'r next return above 20^l but if You please to send 15^l it may

¹ John Hough, appointed Bishop of Oxford in 1690 ; translated to Coventry and Lichfield, 1699 ; to Worcester in 1717, where he died in 1743, aged 93. (*D.N.B.*)

suffice to stop my Creditours mouth, who in truth have been very civil to me hitherto : I never was so oft dunn'd, by any as by M^r Bowness for 15^o. I am glad 'tis paid to avoid future trouble. How accounts are betwixt us I intend to be more fully inform'd yⁿ I have yet been e'r I leave y^e town. Excuse me to my Grandfather (who I am inform'd lives wth You) for not writing to him. And to him and to all Relations especially to Mother, give my duty & divide my Service among all Friends. Pray pardon y^e abruptness of y^s at present. Public business will scarce afford me leisure to subscribe myself, S^r, Y^r D. and ob. Son & serv^t T.B.

The 15 My Father answered by y^e Post as follows

D^r S. On Sunday y^e 3^d of March last George Bowness dined wth us here, who said y^t he was wth You on Sunday before, and heard some discourse between y^r T. and You about Orton, and I finding something in Y^r L. to y^t purpose earnestly desir'd him to inform his brother John, y^t if y^e place was vacant, & if there were any hopes for You, to send to me, and to direct his Letter to y^e shop of Rob^t Cowhird in Kendale, and I wo'd endeavour to obtain w^t Interest I co'd upon y^r account, but upon mine I will not meddle, for I am settled. All y^s time I have expected to hear, but nothing comes, so y^t I think there is no hopes for You : But you must apply y^r self to y^r Friends where You are, for here is little hopes in y^e country to obtain any place ; they mind not Y^r degrees, nor y^r long continuance in y^e University ; a man y^t never saw any Col. or an undergraduate, if he can but talk at a great rate, and get interest will be preferr'd before a Master of Arts. Therefore You must expect preferment where they Know w^t learning is. Here was Burton lately vacant, and it had abundance of Competitours, but one never thought on a Young Man born in Furnes,¹ and coming accidentally from y^e Coll. at Dublin, undergraduate, under Age, got M^r Preston & M^r Armstrong Letters to y^e Donor M^r Oldfield, and y^e Bishop, and got y^e presentation, Ordination, Institution, and Induction all att once. I advice You to get ordain'd and yⁿ You will be ready wⁿ opportunity serves ; You may get title to Some Chappel or curates place. You was too negligent about Abbey-holme, for I am inform'd y^t you might have gotten it if You had stood for it. And M^r Jackson * of Beethom (whose wife was born in y^t Parish) tells me there is 40^l well paid in money besides surplice fees, and there is very cheap living there. In my next I intend to give You an account of w^t Money You have had in these 8 yeares, yⁿ You may see how y^e Matter stands, and whether I have not done my part. You said y^t You had Friends at Oxford, y^t both could and would help You to a place, if You might stay : Therefore apply y^rself to y^r Friends Att y^e first convenient opportunity, and try what they will do for You, for Y^r Year of Regency is all most over. I had Y^r Letter by y^e Carrier. This wth our blessing and prayers is all at present from y^r F. and M. Jo: & M. Brockb.—Witherslack, April 5th, 95. Y^r Uncle Philip Garnet was buried on y^e 5th of March last.

¹ In margin, Barborn.

To y^s I return'd y^e following answer

S^t M. Hall in Oxon Apr. 14th 95. S^r. Y^{rs} of y^e 5th instant I receiv'd yesterday, and am thereby inform'd (as before I feared) that you cannot be persuaded to leave Witherslack, tho' I must not blame You for it, I cannot but be somew^t sorry as to my own account, seing if Orton had been Y^{rs} I might have supplied either y^t cure, or y^t of Witherslack: However as y^e case now stands patience is y^e onely remedy, which indeed is y^e true catholicon for all diseases both of Body and mind. I wo'd as gladly be ordain'd as You can desire I sho'd, but how to get a title, I am almost at a loss for now none but real ones will be taken. The K. has lately caus'd some injunctions to be publish'd, w^{ch} will make it a Matter of much difficulty to enter upon y^s holy Function; yet if there be any ordination here at Trinity Sunday, I will do my uttmost endeavour to commence Deacon. They who inform'd You I might have had Abbey-Holm if I had stood for it (I believe) were wrong inform'd y^m selves; for tho' there were very few att y^e Convocation wⁿ y^e presentation thereof was conferr'd on y^e Present Incumbent, yet if I, or any one els had stood in competition wth him, a far greater number wo'd [have] appear'd on his account: The B^p of Carlisle¹ had engag'd all Q. Col. And y^e Fellowes of y^t house had engag'd many other Col. as likewise ye B^p² of Rochester had oblig'd y^e Vice-chancellour and his Col. viz^t Christchurch to vote for M^r Ogle: so y^t I cannot think as y^r Informers wo'd have You to do, y^t my standing wo'd have procur'd me y^t place. I shall be glad to know y^e full Summe of my 8 yeares expences, but truly sorry for having putt You to so very great Charges, for I Know they amount high: Yet still my necessity is such y^t I must desire You to add to y^e Bill so much as I acquainted You with in my last. And I do promise You to take off Some of y^r Burdens as soon as possible I can. My Regency will be out after Midsummer, and yⁿ I shall be att full Liberty to leave the University . . .

Before I receiv'd anything more from my Father I had one free by y^e Post, the contents these.

London May 11. 1695. M^r Brookbank, I wrote y^e beginning of this week to th' manciple to let him Know where I was, because I left Oxon on a suddain, & in my Letter desir'd him to order Mary Rockwood to pack up onely my Linnen, & nightgoun and send them to me. W^{ch} he has been so far from doing, y^t I have not heard from him yet. therefore I wo'd begg y^e favour of You to let me put You to the trouble, & giving Some order about it. I had not put You to y^s trouble had I thought y^e vice-principle was at home. If You please to put me to 20 times y^e trouble at any time, it shall be effectually done by Y^r most humble Serv^t Henry Nott.³ I sho'd be very glad to hear of y^r health, especially in answer to y^s, so y^t You may direct Y^{rs} for W^m Nott in Pall Mall, and I shall safely receive it. remember me to call.

¹ Thomas Smith (1615-1702), consecrated Bishop of Carlisle, 19 June, 1684.

² Thomas Sprat (1635-1713), consecrated Bishop of Rochester, 2 Nov. 1684.

³ Henry, son of W. Nott of London: matric. Magdalen Hall, 25 Feb., 1691-92, aged 17; Vicar of Terling, Essex, 1699 (Foster).

I shaped my Gentleman this Answer.

S^t Mary-Hall, May y^e 16 (95). S^r, I never found my Self so much a verse to perform y^e Disire of a Friend as at present ; y^r requests are such as make me extreemly fear we shall for a long long time be depriv'd of y^t society w^{ch} allways was so pleasing and delightfull to all, and were't not in hopes y^t y^r Studding gown &c. wo'd oft put You in mind of us, and be a means to hasten y^r return we sho'd scarce be able to part wth such dear relics. Really we were all much surpris'd at y^r unexpected departure, and some of us, y^t pretended to a greater familiarity wth You y^a y^e rest are affraid y^t in something we had disoblig'd You bec. You let none of us understand y^r design, or bid us farewell. But y^r reason might be y^r fear we sho'd have too long detain'd You, from those enjoyments y^e City does now accumulate upon You ; and to speak y^e truth I think You wo'd have met with some cloggs y^t wo'd (at least for some small time) have retarded Y^r flight. However it be we are very sensible of our Want, yet to hear frequently from You, wo'd very much qualify our sufferings, and allso oblige y^r Friendes especially him y^t is, S^r Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To y^s he replied.

May 18. 1695. M^r Broockbanck, I received y^{rs} this Evening, for w^{ch} I return You my Most hearty thanks, and must let You Know y^t y^s being Post-Night I am not a man of so ready a witt as to answer You in Your own style : But had I never so much time I sho'd totally despair of rising to y^t height of complaisance, w^{ch} You express in Y^r most florid and elegant Epistle. But to deal plainly with You and without a Complement I esteem my self very happy to find y^t You can spare so much time for Y^r far better Employments to write to me, and thō I was glad at y^e receipt of y^r Letter, yet since my things came not before, I sho'd not have cared if they had staid there now, because I think to be at Oxford next week. But i' th' mean time since You Seem not unwilling to correspond by Letter, if You fail not on y^r part I shall be sure not to fail on mine. I hope You will be pleas'd to excuse y^e trouble I have put You to ; and accept this small acknowledgment of my gratitude, till I shall express more by word of Mouth. I am y^r assured Friend and very humble serv^t Henry Nott. My service to all Friends who I hope are well.

I answer'd his reply thus.

S^t M. H. Oxon May 21st 95. S^r. I need not tell You y^t anything from You is very acceptable here, for of y^s I suppose You confident, and therefore You may easily imagine w^t reception y^r Letter met with ; yet I must acquaint You wth something w^{ch} perhaps You did not think upon : namely y^t y^r Friend has been too much y^e Dictatour, because I find w^t was mere barren sence in mine by a strange sort of metamorphosis transform'd into oratoricall elegancies in y^{rs}. Alas ! my humble Genius was never so ambitious as to pretend to any such sublime expressions as You are pleas'd to intimate : We y^t have been brought up amongst y^e Country Muses, must leave all politeness to our Masters of y^e City amongst w^m you are none of y^e most obscure. However we have one great advantage over

You, in y^s y^t every body believes w^t we say whereas You Courtiers lie under deep suspicion of thinking one thing and speaking y^e contrary. I dare not include You in y^e number of such, because I have experienc'd y^e Contrary : but y^r great commendations of of my mean performances are sufficient to create a Jealousy, to abate w^{ch} I Know no better way yⁿ to let us see You here next week, for y^t will persuade me You use no compliments but are really his Friend, who takes it as an honour to subscribe himself, S^r, Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

And so much for compliments. Let us hear now w^t Language my pen affords in serious soberness.

S^t M. H. Oxon. May y^e 26th (95) for June y^e 11. S^r. I now despair of ever taking orders at Oxon since my endeavours hitherto have prov'd altogether unsuccessful ; w^t means I co'd I used at Trinity, but I found all was in vain, and 't wo'd be to no great purpose I believe to stay any longer in expectatiō of a place wthout Orders. I am very ready to acknowledge y^s disappointment, and all my Misfortunes (w^{ch} have not been few) have had their Originall from my Self, my crimes, and gō I can patiently bear y^m and even rejoyce under y^m being persuaded y. are onely necessary corrections to make me y^e better. And such effect have they allready had upon me y^t I have learn'd to dispise & contemn y^e dilusory pleasures and Enjoyments of y^s World. In every thing of Moment y^t ever I undertook (as I remember) I have been frustrated, and in some even wⁿ I thought it impossible I sho'd ; And thō I have oft been troubled at such cross accidents, I now take little regard of y^m no more yⁿ of things of course. Indeed I cannot but be sorry my Misfortunes sho'd finally reach You, and put You to so great inconveniences ; as they do : and wer't not for this they wo'd not in y^t least move me : But to give You some ease, I am ready wⁿ You think fit to leave y^s costly Toun, and live at a cheaper board wth You in y^e Country. Wⁿ You please I sho'd remove, You need not trouble y^r self about a Horse, for I shall either meet wth one here or at worst I can foot it. I had a small fit of sickness a while ago, but have recover'd my pristine condition, onely my hair falls so y^t I must to my other Scores add y^e price of a Wigg w^{ch} were so great before, y^t a less summ yⁿ w^t I acquainted You with will not wipe y^m off. Pray give my duty & service to all, who can expect either, and reserve a blessing for—

Now follows y^e last Letter I receiv'd from my Father while at Oxon.

Loving Sonn, Y^{rs} on y^e 26th of May came to me on y^e 8th of June— Wherein I find y^t You are now satisfied wth Oxford, being frustrated of y^r. hopes. You see it is a vain thing to delight, or to be too much set upon any place or thing in y^s world, w^{ch} I can speak by experience, and gō y^e best is to rely [on] Gods good and gracious Providence. It was my mind to continue You till You became Master, because You had affection for learning and blessed be God who hath granted my desire ; And wⁿ You came to y^t Maturity, You desired to stay longer in hopes of a place— according to Y^r desire, telling me y^t You had Friends y^t wo'd befriend You wⁿ opportunity serv'd, and I have long expected y^t befriending You, but

it seems y^t comes to nothing. A 2^d thing moving You to stay was ordination w^{ch} You made small account of wⁿ You was here, but you find it otherwise, and though You may tell me of y^e Kings Injunction, w^{ch} is but to put y^e Canons into execution, for there's little in it, but is in y^e Canons, w^{ch} formerly every conscientious man was willing to perform. I have sent You by y^e Carrier T.B. 15^l y^r desire, and paid him for y^e Carriage of it; And a note herein included ♂. Wherein You may see every years charge and y^e whole charge, and You cannot but confess y^t I have done well for You, and above my ability, but now sonn look to y^r self, and seing You have no hopes of obtaining any place where You are come down by y^e Carrier wth w^m You may hire a horse; You may come at such a time as to meet y^e London Carrier at Northampton, and may in y^e mean time write to him to provide You a horse, for I wo'd not have You buy any for we have y^e greatest Draught, y^t ever I Knew. Y^r Mother wo'd have You to bring Y^r table linnen home. M^r Kenion is living. John Bow, Eliz. Robinson, & Peter Kellet were buried all in one week. This wth my blessing is all at present from Y^r loving Father Jo: Brockbanke. Witherslack June 21st 95. I have seal'd y^e Money.

♂ The note mention'd at ♂ was y^s.

CHARGES.

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1687.	In y ^e first year 1688	.	.	40	01	02
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1689.	In y ^e third year 1690	.	.	27	03	10
1690.	In y ^e fourth year 1691	.	.	19	03	10
1691.	In y ^e fifth year 1692	.	.	46	06	06
1692.	In y ^e sixth year 1693	.	.	39	07	08
1693.	In y ^e seaventh year 1694	.	.	40	16	00
1694.	In y ^e Eighth year 1695	.	.	38	10	00

The total summ of charges in y^e eight years . . . 273 00 08

Besides Bedding, Bookes, stockings, gloves, Table cloaths, Napkins, Lineings, Cravates, Towels, Bands, shoes, wth other costs and shirts and sleeves &c. John Brockbanke. Witherslack. June 20th 1695.

I did not answer y^s by y^e Carrier but deferr'd writing till I sent away my Goods, w^{ch} having putt up in 3 boxes and paid y^e waggoner for Carriage and care of y^m to London, I directed for y^e Kendale Carrier att London, y^e same day y^t I writt y^s following Letter.

St Mary Hall: Oxon July 30th (95). S^r. I receiv'd y^{rs} by y^e Carrier as allso 15^l but not sealed up, nor till all others were serv'd, so y^t I was forc'd to take such money as I co'd get of him, w^{ch} in y^e generality was bad Enough, yet I have pass'd most on't, and co'd tell how to imploy so much more: I did not care to venture my self in his company, for if I had, I sho'd surely have been impos'd upon, for he is one of y^t sort of people wth which y^e Nation is overstock'd. I shall find y^e way home without a Guide, but do not expect me before I come, for I cannot be positive wⁿ I shall be

with You. I have pack'd up my goods in 3 boxes, and this day they set out for London where y^e Kendale Carrier's to receive y^m & convey y^m to You ; They are directed to be left wth Rob^t Cowhird in Kendale. I sho'd have been on my Journey e'r y^s, but co'd not get my business dispatch'd ; besides I have still a lingering mind to stay longer here, w^{ch} has made me drill on y^e time more than I intended : And I fear I shall scarce get away with dry cheeks. Yet now I am resolv'd and nothing shall stop me. Perhaps I shall take London in my way, and other remarkable places, if I find y^t my feet have any thing of y^e nature of Tom Coriats in y^m. In y^e mean time I desire y^r blessing and remain S^r Y^r dutifull son & Serv^t T.B. My duty to all if I be not with You before You have opportunity.

This was put into y^e Post-office y^e same day it was writt, and y^e afternoon I left Oxford, accompanied wth M^r Watson M.B. who went wth me as far as Fox-comb-hill.¹ I shall subjoyn a short narrative of my Journey. Having then bid M^r Watson farewell I trudged down y^e Hill and pass'd by Standford,² and crossing y^e London road I met y^e Waggons a going for London and had some motions for taking a place in one, but we co'd not agree, and ~~so~~ I pass'd to Tilford³ and Garvad⁴ and so to Hanny,⁵ but in y^e way I fell foul on a Syllabub where they Men and y^e Maids were making of Hay, and I took a good soop of y^e merry Milk-Pail. In y^e town I found a great concourse of People, and y^e crowds and Kits made a hideous noise, and y^e clacks of y^e wenchs no less ; It was, as I understood, their feast day. In passing on I found a redd ribband some 2 yards in length, w^{ch} I pocketed and march'd along by a mill and so on a footpath to Grove,⁶ where I overtook a boy going for Wantage w^m I accompanied to y^t town, and he recommended y^e Bear to me as a very good Inn ; Here I lodg'd, but can give no good account of y^e town, for it was dark wⁿ I walk thro' it, All I can tell is y^t its Streets were miry and irregular, and few of y^e houses I say [saw] in y^e Morning were well built. There was a small brook down its chief street. I left y^e town in the morning July y^e 31st and followed y^e runner w^{ch} glides down y^e highway, and has wth y^e horses shoes, and cart-wheels worn it very deep. After about a Miles travel I got upon a rising ground, and had their a very good prospect, but co'd see nothing near except some shepherds and their flocks ; I ask'd one of these sheep-keepers if I were on y^e road to Hungerford, but y^e Animall co'd not tel me tho' it was not above 7 or 8 miles thither. On I pass'd at all adventures, and came to Shefford⁷ I think y. call it, and there drunk a tankard of Ale, and yⁿ moved on till I

¹ Foxcombe is in Berkshire, 3½ miles S.W. of Oxford.

² Probably Dry Sandford is intended, about 3 miles N.W. of Abingdon.

³ Probably Frilford is intended, about 2½ miles S. of Dry Sandford.

⁴ Garford is intended, about 4 miles W. of Abingdon.

⁵ Hannev, 3 miles N.E. of Wantage.

⁶ Grove is about 2 miles S. of Hannev.

⁷ Shefford is about 8 miles N.W. of Hungerford.

came to some houses, where are y^e deepest wels I ever took notice of. I let down in one a bucket, and found by computation y^t 60 yards of cord wo'd find no bottom, water it did w^{ch} was very good and exceeding cold. Two miles more brought me to Hungerford, where I din'd. This is a pretty good town, and has one indifferent large street w^{ch} is very fit for a Market, y^s was y^e market day. I left it marching thro' vales and over hills til at length about 6 o'clock I came to Kingston-Collingborn,¹ 8 miles from Hungerford. I inn'd at y^e Falcon, y^e onely sign I saw in y^e village, and I cannot commend it for a very good Inn, yet as good as one can expect among these downs. I was stung pitifully wth Fleas, and g^o was very glad wⁿ y^e morning appear'd; Up I got, and Farewell Landlady [*in margin* August 1] a good journey to You Sr. And now I am upon y^e Downs, and look methinks as a Cockboat wo'd do in y^e midst of y^e Sea; I am bewildered, & having nothing to look upon but some round hills, works I suppose of y^e Romans; And if I mis my way no wonder, for here are multitudes of ways. I err'd about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile and came to a little town y. call Bulford² which as they told me was seven long miles from Sarum, and so I found y^m. Here was a little brook, but I pass'd it, and I grew hungry, & thirsty, & weary, but co'd find nothing to refresh me, not so much as a cup of cold water, but w^t fell from y^e clouds, of w^{ch} indeed I had but too great plenty for y^e wind blew hard, and it rain'd a pace, but ne'r a Lodge co'd I find to shelter me. At last I got to Salisbury betwixt 2 and 3. I dined and yⁿ (having formerly heard a great report of y^e fineness of y^e church) I went to see it, and found it not to come short of its character, The Pillars are (I think) as many as y. are reported to be, and more curious yⁿ I did believe they were before I saw y^m. Some are very small, and for ought I Know all one stone, w^{ch} reach from y^e ground to y^e Fornix. Most of y^m are well polish'd Marble, but some have suffer'd by continuance and are gnawn by Times Iron teeth. The Cloister is of y^e same work. There are some fine monuments in y^e body of y^e Church, as Chancelour &c Hides,³ and a great many in y^e Quire. The Organ is pretty good as also y^e voices, and in a word all things there please me well, except y^e Bishop,⁴ whose canting I must confess pleases me no more than his looks. To-morrow perhaps I shall have a better view of him. From the church I adjourn'd to y^e Coffee house, where I understood Namur⁵ was a capitulating [*in margin* August 2] from y^{n^{ee}} I return'd to my Inn y^e George. Friday being come I went again to y^e Coffee-house,

¹ Collingbourne Kingston is 10 miles S.W. of Hungerford.

² Bulford is 2 miles N.E. of Amesbury.

³ Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, 1609-74.

⁴ Gilbert Burnet, 1643-1715; became Bishop of Salisbury, 1689.

⁵ Namur, which had been taken by Louis XIV in 1692, was retaken by William III, 4 Aug. 1695.

thence at 10 o'clock to the Church, whose Cross have I pac'd and found it to be about 108 of my paces. Prayers being ended I got a Corister to go wth me into y^e Tower, in ascending w^{ch} I reckon'd 340 steps each about $\frac{1}{2}$ foot high, and yⁿ was not past half way to y^e top for 'tis reckon'd from y^e foundation to y^e Cock 147 yards. I left y^e Church and came to a Goldsmiths shop where I sold a ring for 8^s and yⁿ to dinner on 2 Trouts, very good but verry dear for 'twas a 12^d ordinary; After dinner I clear'd my reckoning and bad my host farewell. But e'r I leave Town I may take notice y^t 'tis very compact, consisting of many cros-streets w^{ch} cut one another at right Angles; most of w^{ch} (if not all) have Brookes gliding thrō y^m. Near y^e G. Church is a new building founded and endow'd by y^e late Bp. Seth Ward,¹ for y^e maintaining of Parsons widdowes grown poor. Here are a deal of Churches handsomely built as are y^e houses in generall, I took notice y^t some signs were well set out wth Iron work, especially at Taverns, And now I am a going to see Old-Sarum a place much admir'd by Strangers. 'Tis (as far as I could guess) exactly round, but all its dimensions I co'd not take, for y^t wo'd have requir'd more time yⁿ I had to spare. The Innermost part w^{ch} is much y^e highest, I computed to be about 140 paces over. There are some very Antique pieces of walls on it and some fallen down into y^e Trench, w^{ch} is very deep but dry and (I suppose) about 30 paces over, and very steep on both sides. The next part, w^{ch} does encompass y^e Trench, is about 140 paces over also, and then there is another Trench w^{ch} may be 60 paces broad, very deep but dry, wⁿ one has got out of y^s and descended to y^e bottom on y^e other side there one may find a little old wall w^{ch} encompasses y^e whole work, and may be in circumference about 1500 paces. 'Tis y^e strangest thing y^t I have seen, but here are so many on these plains y^t 'two'd be in vain to think to see all. But there is one y^t must by no means be pass'd by in silence, for 'tis y^e wonder of y^s Natiō of w^{ch} no body can give any just account: I mean Stonehenge, y^t Miracle of Art. It consists of a great many stones w^{ch} stand circularly in 3 rowes w^{thin} each other. In y^e outmost are 17 standing, in y^e Middle 8, in y^e innermost 10 and a great many fallen and broken. One of y^e outmost y^t lies along is about 5 yards in length and 2 in breadth, some 2 foot thick, the rest of y^t row I suppose, are much of y^e same dimensions. Those of y^e 2^d Row are much greater; one y^t I measur'd y^t was fallen and Broken was about 8 yards long 2 broad $\frac{1}{2}$ or somew^t more thick. The innermost are much less. They are encompass'd at some distance wth a Trench w^{ch} has an entrance on y^e side next Ambersbury,² and a little from it there lies a pretty bigg stone. The stones y^t are standing have cross ones from one to an other w^{ch} are mortis'd. No-body

¹ Seth Ward (1617-89) was consecrated Bishop of Exeter, 1662, and translated to Salisbury, 1667.

² Amesbury, $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles N. of Salisbury.

Knowes from whence these stones came, there are none on y^e Downs but flint or choak-stones w^{ch} makes it y^e more strange. Some will needs have y^m to be made by Art, (but y^s I can scarce credit), and say they were set here in memory of some great Battle; Others y^t This was a place of worship, some sort of a Temple; and all agree in nothing but y^t y^e can give no certain account of them. From them I came to Amesbury, and inn'd at y^e George: This is no very fine town but has formerly been famous for a Nunnery, part of w^{ch} is yet standing, and has got a good hansom Church. In y^e morning [*in margin* August 3] I set forwards for Winchester, but miss'd my way a little (if there be any) and about 11 o'clock I came to a little village called Wallop,¹ thence I travail'd to Stockbridge and dined at y^e 3 Cups. This is a sort of a Market town but a mean one, for it has nothing remarkable in it except it be plenty of Water w^{ch} is some w^t scarce in y^s Country; 'Tis a thorow-fare betwixt Salisbury and Winchester. Thence I walk'd til I came to Coll. Darly's house w^{ch} stands very well for View, and has a curious prospect, but is little; 2 miles more brought me to Winchester. Here I got my hair taken off, and inn'd at y^e Kings head. In y^e Morning after a light breakfast, I went to y^e great [*in margin* Aug. 4] Church, w^{ch} is an Antient and large Fabrick, and has in it many Antiq Monuments. In two chists are reserv'd Reliquia ossium of King Canutus, Q. Emma, B^p Wina and Alwyn. In other chists more bones of Edwin, Edgar &c. w^{ch} were thrown on heaps in y^e laters day of confusion, and so mingled, y^t one cannot tell w^{ch} are w^{ch}. Here are some Noble monuments of Cardinall Beaufort,² an other B^p and 2 others. Here is also a stone in memory of B^p Levins³ B^p of Man, and many more. After dinner I went to hear a Scotch Ep. Minister, yⁿ to y^e great Church again where was another sermon. I pac'd y^e nave from y^e West to y^e screen about 140 paces. After prayers here a Soldier conducted me to y^e College, where was prayers at 5. Here is a pretty Chappell & Organ, and a very great number of Schollars, but y^e Coll, is far short of most of ours at Oxon. In former ages y^s Town has been famous for here some Kings did reside, but now 'tis ruinous, & empty of Houses; some large spaces w^{thout} any buildings on y^m within y^e Walls; it stands on a declining hill, and into y^e Vally. King James did design to have resided here some time every year, w^{ch} wo'd have been much to y^e advantage of y^s Toun, but—He has built a house of a vast bigness of brick and stone, but it lies unfinish'd; it cost him above 80000^l. On Monday morning I left y^s Town, and came to S^t Cross, where is a very large Church and a fine

¹ Wallop is about 10 miles N.E. of Salisbury.

² Henry Beaufort, Bp. of Lincoln, 1398; Bp. of Winchester, 1404; Cardinal 1426; *d.* 1447.

³ Baptist Levinz (1644-93), consecrated Bp. of Sodor and Man, 15 March, 1684-85; Prebendary of Winchester, 1691.

Priory has been, founded by Cardinall Beaufort (who was once a Member of Q. Col. in Oxon.) Here are now maintained a great many poor Gentlemen, who have good allowance, and may live very well, for y^t all necessaries [are] provided for y^m and prayers every day. A Loaf of bread and a horn of beer is given to passingers and others y^t come to ask it gratis, out of curiosity I went to y^e Lodge and found an old one eyed man who gave me y^e usuall Alms. I had him God b'w'y, & pass'd on towards Southampton, where I arriv'd about noon. At y^e enterence into Town w^{thout} y^e Gate stands Beavis¹ and Sacrapent² in picture, enough to fright one, but I had y^e courage to pass by y^m and came into a good large street w^{ch} is of a considerable length. I din'd at y^e Dolphin and after Dinner I took a view of y^e Town w^{ch} one may easily perceive has been much finer yⁿ at present it is. All Spanish Wines did formerly touch here and pay custom, but since y^t custom is broak, y^e Town decays sensibly every day. On the Sea side there is another Gate, w^{thout} w^{ch} lies a deal of Guns to Keep of Enemies. Thrô it I pass'd and along y^e shore to y^e Ferry, where I stai'd 2 hours e'r y^e water man durst put to sea by reason of y^e wind; I length I got over, but not wth a dry coat, for it rain'd very fast. I staid a while at an Alehouse but as soon as y^e Storm abated I had y^m farewell and, wth a man I found there, went to Bushilton,³ and lodg'd at a house where a great many Ship Carpenters were playing at Shovel-board [*in margin* Aug. 6]. After a tedious night y^e welcome morning came w^{ch} set me at liberty, and freed me from y^e noise of those blustering blades; I willingly turn'd my back on y^m and pass'd to another ferry, a little below w^{ch} they were building a Man of War and other Ships of a smaller burden. So on to Tichfield⁴ over a common, and thrô a park, w^{ch} I suppose, belongs to y^e Lady Ganesburrow who has a very fine house there. The wayes grow very bad; it rain'd most part of y^e last night, and y^s morning I had a great shower. With much ado however I came w^{thin} Ken of ships and thought yⁿ I had been just at Portsmouth but was mistaken. I pass'd by a Man hang'd in chains, and by an Inn w^{ch} I foolishly suppos'd belong'd to Portsmouth, and came to some sort of Fortifications, w^{ch} for sure I deem'd to be part of y^e Town, but it prov'd Gosper.⁵ Thrô it I went and to y^e Water Side where a certain sort of a Gentleman one of y^e Lower

¹ Sir Bevis of Hampton (= Southampton), a knight celebrated in Arthurian Romance, and by Drayton in his *Polyolbion*.

² A character in the *Orlando Innamorato* of Boiardo, and the *Orlando Furioso* of Ariosto.

³ *i.e.* Bursledon, 4½ miles S.E. of Southampton.

⁴ Tichfield is about 2 m. W. of Fareham. The park (and abbey) became the property of Thomas Wriothesley, 1st Earl of Southampton, temp. Hen. VIII. The 4th Earl left a dau. and h. who married Edward Noel, 1st Earl of Gainsborough, in 1661, and died before 1683.

⁵ *i.e.* Gosport.

Line, asked me if I wo'd pass over ; I consented, and he called his Brother Rakehel. To y^e Oars y^e went, and wafted me over in a very little time, thô y^e water was there a mile broad. I paid 2^d for Portage and landed at y^e End of a pretty large street, w^{ch} I took to have been y^e chief one of y^e Toun, but at y^e end thereof I found a large moat, wth a draw bridge, behind y^t a strong wall and Gates newly made for y. bare K : James's name as y^{ir} Founder. Thrô I pass'd and enter'd into a very large Town within, in w^{ch} I walk'd till I was allmost tir'd, yⁿ call'd at y^e $\frac{1}{2}$ moon, eat some boil'd beef and cabbage after w^{ch} I went to see y^e fortifications, w^{ch} are works of wonder such as besides y^m I have not seen and I suppose y^e like are not in England. The bridge on y^e East side has 4 Gates and 4 draw bridges and guns planted on every side. The Works are so large y^t cattle grazeth upon y^m and I saw some deer. Seaventy men are allwayes on y^e Centry. There is an other bridge on y^e same side a little more Northerly y^e way to w^{ch} is in y^e sea. This leads to y^e dock and houses of Provision where lies y^e largest Timber for Masts &c y^t ever I saw, and Ankers Ropes &c of a very great size. Some of y^e buildings (as I guess) run 2 or 300 yards in length they are all of Brick. There was two Men of War, one a 6th rate w^{ch} was a putting off wⁿ I came, y^e other a 3^d rate of 80 guns called y^e Dorsetshire. About y^s Town lies above 400 Guns planted. I saw one mortar wth Some Bombs about it. Besides y^e ordinary fortifications there are so many Blockhouses &c y^t it seems impregnable. One Gibson¹ a Scotchman is Governour. I left y^s strong place about 8 o'clock, and did intend to have gone a good way towards Chichester y^s night, but one of my Leggs fail'd me and I was exceeding lame, and was forc'd to take up my lodgings at y^e Ship just below Port-down. I went supperless to bed, [*in margin August 7*] and rose about 6 and, finding my Leggs pretty well, set forwards for Chichester, whose spire I had seen y^e day before. On y^e down I met M^r Thompson & M^r Collier of Q. Col. wth an other Gentleman : I bad y^m a good journey, and in a short time gain'd Havant, thrô w^{ch} I pass'd, and 1 mile more brought me to Ainsworth² where I called at y^e Ship. The other part of my way was tedious, for my Leggs again began to fail me, however wth much ado at length I came to Chichester and took up at y^e Swan where I din'd, yⁿ to y^e Church w^{ch} is an old building partly ruin'd ; its spire is very high and well built, and I believe may be seen a great way into y^e Sea : I saw it at Portsmouth, and before I came there. That part of y^e Church w^{ch} is Kept in repair is pretty neat. It has 5 Iles all whose fornices have very good florage in paint. The Quire is handsome, y^e Altar piece very fine : It has on each side a monument of White and black Marble. That on y^e right

¹ Sir John Gibson (1637-1717), Lieut.-Governor of Portsmouth from 28 May, 1689, until his death. (*D.N.B.*)

² *i.e.* Emsworth, about 7 miles W. of Chichester.

is for Dr Carleton¹ sometime Fellow of Q. Col. Oxon & Bp of y^s Church. In a place on y^e South side are y^e Pictures of all our Brittish Kings ; on y^e East till William y^e Conqueror, on y^e West from him till y^e Present. Charles, James, William & Mary are very fine pieces ; and so indeed are y^e rest but not so well sett off. There are other pictures worth minding. The organ is pretty good, but I co'd not well judge of y^e Singing because 'twas a medley of skil and Ignorance. The Bp (Dr Grove,² a Cambridge scholler Kil'd in his coach 1696) was a goodlike Man. This Toun consists of pretty fine Streets w^{ch} cross each other at right Angles, where y. intersect is a common place consisting of 6 Arches and so many Fornixes, w^{ch} terminate and lean on a pillar in y^e midst, w^{ch} goes thrô and makes a neat figure. By it is a conduit, but from whence y^e water comes I know not, for there is no place near y^e Toun higher yⁿ it is. I left y^s Toun about 4 and up steep hills and down into vallies, wth much pain I got to Kocken³ and lodged at y^e Bell. I slept very well [*in margin* Aug. 8] til 7 and yⁿ departed and came to Mydhurst a Town famous for nothing y^t I Know of but my Lord Montagues⁴ house w^{ch} looks at distance very well. I pass'd on and began to grow tir'd and faint, and y^e steep hills allmost broke my Thieghs, however wth much striving a got to y^e Bell about 12 where I din'd and to raise my spirits drank 2^d worth of Brandy, w^{ch} put new vigour in me. I walk'd on thrô Hassel-more⁵ (a small market toun and thrô woods and over heaths till I got to y^e white horse a mile beyon Godalmin where I drank a Flaggon of Ale w^{ch} help'd me on to y^e Town. I lodged at y^e Kings Head, and had my shoes mended and linnen wash'd. This is no fine town, it has a Kind of Townehouse of paper Guild w^{ch} looks old, on y^e top thereof hangs a bell on w^{ch} a bad clock strikes ; they streets are irregular and dirty, but a little out of Town are some fine seats. I left y^e Town in y^e morning [*in margin* Aug. 9] and travail'd on y^e London road till I came at an old ruin'd Chappel on a hill, and presently arriv'd at Gilford,⁶ a fine Toun and has a great many very fine houses well built and a Castle y^e m^an^sion house of my Lord Gilford ; att y^e enterance into y^e Town is a Mill, w^{ch} works at distance by a Rope. This Town is large, and one begins here to be wthin y^e influence of London. But 'tis no place for me to stay at, so on Jagg I to Ripley where y^e houses stand all of a side ; Here I din'd, yⁿ to Toms Ditton⁷ where I ferried over to Hampton Court, w^{ch} I sho'd describe, but 'tis so fine I cannot do't as I sho'd :

¹ Guy Carleton (1598 ?-1685) ; Bishop of Bristol, 1671 ; Bishop of Chichester, 1678. (*D.N.B.*)

² Robert Grove (1634-96) ; Bishop of Chichester, 1691. (*D.N.B.*)

³ *i.e.* Cocking, 2½ miles S. of Midhurst.

⁴ Cowdray, then the seat of Francis (Browne) 4th Viscount Montagu. (Mrs. Charles Roundell's *History of Cowdray*, 1884, Bickers & Son, London.)

⁵ *i.e.* Haslemere.

⁶ *i.e.* Guildford.

⁷ *i.e.* Thames Ditton.

However I may say 'tis a large building otherwise 'twod not be for a Princes Palace, one enters through a large Gate-house into a square of High Brick building, w^{ch} is very sumptuous and large ; over y^e Gate-house w^{thin} is an extraordinary fine Diell. Out of y^e Quadrangle one goes thrò a passage w^{ch} leads to a magnificent stair (not finish'd wⁿ I was there) and y^s opens into a Gallery one of y^e finest in England. By y^e stairs foot one goes into a cloister or Piazza, w^{ch} encompasses a delicate square, y^e building whereof is exquisite as is also y^e painting. I took notice of a stair of Stone on y^e North side, each stair was of one entire stone whereof one End onely was joyn'd to anything. I went thrò a narrow passage into y^e Park, w^{ch} I imagine is near a mile in length, y^e trees set all regular in a great many Rows. From y^e Court to Kingston is a curious visto w^{ch} leads y^e Ey to y^e church Steeple, a Kind of Spire made of Timber and leaded over : All a long this visto runs a curious Laguna, one end whereof terminates at y^e Garden, and adds a great deal of Beauty to y^t Paradiſe, for such in beautie and sweetness it may seem to be ; This Garden in length is y^e Breadth of y^e New Square whose East windows open into it ; it is encompass'd (all but y^e West side in w^{ch} it joyns to y^e Palace) wth very good Iron work set upon bases of stone about a foot high, well wrought. I must not descend to particulars for y^t wo'd take more time than I am willing to spend at present. From Hampton I went down y^e park (wherein I saw great store of Fallow Deer) almost till I came at Kingston Bridge, w^{ch} leads into y^t Toun. I was grown very much tired, and gō call'd at one Sign and desier'd to be lodged, but was refus'd, I walk'd to an other, y^e Sign hand in hand, where I found civil entertainment, and y^e Mistris of y^e house seem'd to pity me because I was somew^t out of order. In y^e Morning I paid [*in margin* August 10] 6^d for a Kan of Ale and my Lodging (cheap enough to be but 10 miles from London). As it happen'd I miss'd y^e land way and fell upon Putney where I took boat in company wth a Boy and his sister, and in less time yⁿ one wo'd think the water men had wafted us to Queen Hive ¹ where we landed and having paid 6^d for 7 miles (thò y^e usuall fare is but 4^d) I took leave of my Rowers and y^e rest of my companie ; and yⁿ wander'd about as in a Wilderness, and at length by y^e air I had of y^e City from its picture, I got to Aldersgate, by w^{ch} I din'd at a Cooks shop, and sent for Coz. Speight, but he was not to be found : I gō took another Ramble about Town and came to St Pauls, w^{ch} is now in great forwardness. The Quire is leaded, y^e Fornixes pargetted and Fratted, the windows glaz'd and y^e are a fitting up y^e wood work as fast as may be. I was toul'd They had given 3000^l for an Organ. The other parts are not in so great readiness, thò y^e walls are all at y^{ir} height for turning, But wⁿ y^e Dome (w^{ch} is to stand on 9 pillars, allready

¹ Queen hithe.

finish'd) will be perfected I cannot devine. There is one curious stair whose Newil is about 5 foot and hollow, y^e staires near 2 yardes long, at one end $\frac{1}{4}$ at y^e other a yard broad. I counted above 1220 steps allready laid, and cover'd wth boards to preserve y^m. The Vaults are prodigious things, I paced one more yⁿ 220 p. Some are allready buried in y^m. From hence I went to y^e Eagle and child (an Inn in St Martins lane) from whence I sent to see if Cos. Speight was yet come, I had word brought he was not: By and by comes one to see who 'twas y^t sent to seek M^r Speight; er I had told my name he went back and acquainted my Cos. Wife, who immediately sent for me, and receiv'd me very obligingly. After a while my Cos. comes who seem'd to be very glad to see me. He call'd for Sack and caus'd some Mutton Stakes and some Pigeons to be made ready; after Supper to bed about 10 [*in margin* August 11]. In y^e morning Ale and a toast, yⁿ to St Anns Church w^{ch} joyns on my Cos. house. So to dinner on Beef and Cabbage, a Pudding, Pigeons, wesphalia-ham, chick, wine. (Y^s for a Specimen of y^{ir} living). To church again, after prayers I fell in wth some Company w^{ch} wo'd need force me to drink, I got from y^m but met wth more, yet to bed in good time. In y^e morning I accompanied my Cos. to a French Merchants seller near y^e River, in our way we took the Royall exchange, w^{ch} is a building of great bigness; 'Tis a square very well cloisder'd; In niches are y^e statues of a great many of our Kings (William and Mary they were yⁿ about). In y^e midle is K. Charles y^e 2^d. Up a pair of curious Staires are y^e Shops in number about ——— [blank]. Thence we walk'd to Guild-Hall which is a fine building and has in it some good pieces of painting especially y^e Pictures of King William and Queen Mary are very fine. And so on to y^e French Merchants, by London Stone &c. Wⁿ we return'd home my she cousin was ready for a small Journey to a place call'd Neathouses by Chelsey, and desired me to accompany her w^{ch} I did, and wth her Aunt we took boat and were quickly brought to land near y^e place we desir'd to be att. After a Dinner of cold victualls we went to see my Lord Ranelaughs house and gardens at Chelsey w^{ch} are the very finist y^t I have seen. In y^e pleasure houses are y^e most curious Landskips, costly Couches, delicate pictures (amongst y^e rest y^e court beauties) Exquisite figures noble beds. Admirable perspective: Artificiall Fountains &c. y^t one can imagine. The flowers are rare and Fragrant, The Greens Forreign and flourishing, y^e Arbors large and shady, y^e pools full of fish, y^e Aviaries of Birds. In one word all things there are splendid and were y^e house a Little larger it might well be fit a Sovereign Prince. Ex Collegio omnia, but Mum. Adjoyning y^s fine place is another not much Inferiour, nay it much surpasses it in some respects: It is y^e College for Souldiers, a building worthy y^e noble founders. Carolus II fundavit Jacobus II auxit, Gulielmus et Maria perficere is engraven in huge letters on y^e South

face. It has 3 sides built and one open to the River. It has a fine Chappel, very decent, and a curious Organ ; As also an excellent Hall, in w^{ch} are 16 tables, each big enough to hold 24 persons or more ; they are allways covered and plates laid wth a can for each man standing by. The Linnen is chang'd 3 times a week. Besides these is an other Table at y^e high end for y^e officers who live like Princes, above y^s is a piece of y^e finest painting in Europe they Say. The Lodgeings are very fine, every man has a bed place, a Bed, 3 Blankets one Bolster, sheets &c wth a Box and other things to himself. They want no necessities, even water to wash y^mselves is convey'd to y^m by Engines from y^e river, and Towels hang by. If Sick they have a Dr and Surgeons, Nurses &c. They might live here as well as Princes, yet they are not content because they cannot live extravagantly. They have 8^d a week for Pocket Money. And all manner of Cloathes provided for y^m. Here are now more than 400. But I must leave y^m and return to Neathouses where we had a collation, and a Syllabub made wth white wine, yⁿ a supper and so to bed. In y^e morning to St Jameses where we walk'd about till we were almost tir'd, yⁿ return'd to Neat houses and after dinner set forward for London. In our way we took Westminster, and saw there y^e Monuments in y^e Abby w^{ch} may be suppos'd y^e finest in y^e Nation. The most remarkable is y^t of Henry y^e 7th of Molten brass in y^e Chappel call'd by his name : The figures are curious but y^t of Charles y^e 2^d exceeds all y^e rest : 'tis to y^e life, and truly to admiration. 'tis Kept Wthin glasses. The Mausoleum is so fine I wont pretend to describe it. From y^e Abby we went to Westminster Hall a prodigious large building of y^t Sort, thro it we pass'd to y^e staires hard by where we took boat, and landed at Pauls wharf. Next morning to y^e Monument wth Cos. Dick. 'Tis a pretty pillar of y^e Dorick order of above 500 pretty high steps. At y^e top we had an indifferent good prospect of y^e town. Wⁿ we were got down we went to see y^e bridge w^{ch} one cannot but admire, for it lookes like a street ; and how such a vast building should stand firm, in such a river is strange ; But there we found it, & there we left it standing and pass'd by Billings-gate to y^e Tower, w^{ch} we surrounded, and in y^e circuit saw a great many Guns and ships also some large Mortars newly brought a shore from y^e fleet to be new cast. Near y^e entry we saw the Lions &c. The Lion is call'd y^e King of Beasts, but truly has a very ugly presence, wth much ado y^e Keeper raised one and made it put its paw out and stretch his claws enough to affright one. Three we saw likewise [*a word missing here*] w^{ch} died about y^e time y^e Queen died, as also a Lioness, a Linx, a Leopard, a Cat a Mountain &c 2 Sweedish Owls, 3 Eagles, 2 Ostriches, a Cat wth 2 legs onely and a little dog y^t had no more. We went to y^e gate house where a warder attended on us to view y^e Armory. In y^e first place we came to were a vast number of Pikes &c w^{ch} were taken from y^e Spaniard in 1588, a great

many outlandish Engines &c. In y^e 2^d small Arms or Muskets &c. for 100000 Men, wth engines y^t wth turning about wo'd let off I think 260 pieces. In y^e 3^d 2 trains of Artillery, a great many Mortars wth Bombs & carcasses. There were some Mortars y^t wo'd carry Bombs of 500^l weight, Queen Besses pocket Pistol (a very great Canon curiously wrought) Punchanelia Portuguese Pieces &c. In y^e 4th Armor for Horsemen, tilting Armour &c wth many other fine things, and Figures on horseback &c. From these Armories we went to see y^e Crown, Scepter, Ball, Font, Fountain, Tower, &c. Wⁿ we had seen as much as we desir'd here we left y^s place, and walk'd to Bedlam, a delicate fine building but a most miserable spectacle wthin, for w^t can be more so yⁿ y^e sight of human shapes devoid of Reason. It consists of two very long Galleries, y^t have abundance of little chambers, on one side; y^e first we came into is y^e place for men, where some are bound, some tumbling in straw, some talking wthout ceasing, some singing &c: but y^s is nothing to w^t stir y^e women Kepe in an other Gallery above y^s: there I met wth such different sorts of Madnes as one wo'd not think human nature were subject to, some in deep sorrow, nothing but sighs and Tears, others in mad merriment, laughing aloud and even dancing again, some passing their time in trimming y^mselves thô nothing but raggs, others throwing of all their cloaths, and such a confus'd noise amongst y^m all as one cannot Imagine. Next day I stir'd not abroad. But y^e day following after dinner I took a walk about Town and came again to Westminster; Whither I repair'd again y^e day following being Saturday and took notice of some monuments as of these following in y^e north side of y^e Church, by y^e clock.

Qui Fide antiquâ et opera assiduâ
 Britannicam antiquitatem
 indigavit,
 Simplicitem innatam honestis
 studijs excoluit
 Animi solertium candore illustravit
 Gulielmus Camdenus ab Eliza-
 betha R. ad Regis Armorum
 (Clarentii titulo) dignitatem
 evocatus
 Hic spe certa resurgendi in
 Christo S.E.

Q.

Obijt anno Dñi. 1623. 9 Novembris,
 Ætatis suae 74.

M.S.

Qui fuit Anglorum Vates ter maximus olim
 Galfridus Chaucer conditur hoc tumulo.
 Annum si quaeris Domini, si tempora mortis
 Ecce nota subsunt quae tibi cuncta notant.
 25 Octobris 1400.



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Ærunnarum requies Mors.



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W. Brightham hos fecit Musarū nomine sumptus.
 1556.

Adjoin to these are y^e monuments of Richard Cox.² Isaac Barrow.³
 Tho. Triplet. Thomas Outram.

Michael Drayton ⁴ a memorable Poet of y^s Age
 exchanged his laurel for a crown of Glory. A. 1631.

Do pious Marble, let thy reader Know
 w^t they & w^t their children ow
 To Drayton's name, whose sacred dust
 were commended to thy trust.
 Protect his memory & preserve his story
 Remain a lasting monument of his Glory ;
 And wⁿ thy ruins shall disclaim
 To be y^e treasurer of his name
 his name y^t cannot fade shall be
 An everlasting monument to thee.

¹ The 2 shields are party per pale and a bend.

² This might be either Richard Cox (1500-81), Dean of Westminster, 1549, Bishop of Ely, 1559; or Richard Cox (d. 1596), divine, rector of Diss, Norfolk, and author of a Catechism. (D.N.B.)

³ Isaac Barrow (1630-77), divine, mathematician, classical scholar, and celebrated preacher. (D.N.B.)

⁴ Michael Drayton (1563-1631), poet, and author of *Polyolbion*. (D.N.B.)

ISAAC CASAUBON ¹

(O Doctiorum quicquid est assurgite
 Hinc tam colendo nomini.)
 Quem Gallia Reipub. literaria Bono
 peperit Henricus IV Francorum Rex
 invictissimus Lutetiis literis suis
 evocatum Bibliothecae suae praefecit
 charumque deinceps dum vixit habuit
 Eoque terris arepto Iacobus Mag. Brit.
 Monarcha, Regum Doctissimus, doctis
 indulgentissimus, in Anglia accivit.
 Munifice fovit, posteritasque ob
 doctrinam aeternam mirabitur
 H.S.E. invidia major.
 Obiit aetern. in Xpo vitam anhelans
 Kal. Jul. MDCXIV. aet. LV.
 Viro optimo immortalitate Dignis.
 Th. Mortonus Ep. Dunelm
 Jucundissimæ quo — [illeg.]
 licuit consuetudinis
 memor pr. s. p. cv.
 MDCXXXIV.

Qui nosse vult Casaubonum, Si perfuturas marmori,
 Non Saxa sed Chartas legat / et profuturis posteris.

Tho: Parr of y^e county of Salop, born
 in A. 1483. He lived in y^e reigns of ten
 Princes, viz. K. Edw. 4. K. Edw. 5. K. Rich. 3.
 K. Henry 7. K. Henry 8. K. Edw. 6. Q. Mary. Q. Eliz.
 K. Jam. & K. Charles aged 152 yeares
 and was buried here Nov^r. 15. 1635.

This lies on y^e ground and is scarce legible.

Here lies (expecting y^e second
 coming of our Saviour Christ
 Jesus y^e body of Edmond Spencer
 The Prince of Poets in his time,
 Whose Divine Spirit needs no
 Other Witnes yⁿ y^e works
 W^{ch} he left behind him.
 He was born in London in
 Y^e year 1540 and
 died in y^e year
 1596.

¹ Isaac Casaubon (1559-1614), classical scholar. (D.N.B.)

These wth some others are on y^e North side of y^e Quire. On y^e same wall more westerly are a deal more monuments of note ; there is one set in y^e wall of y^e Quire of Esq^r Thynn¹ who was shot in his coach. it is a very good piece of Work. In y^e South Ile, not far from y^e Belfrey is a square Marble wth y^s inscription. O Rare Ben Johnson.² More Easterly is y^e Monument of y^e Duke and Dutches of Newcastle³ w^{ch} is fine.

In y^e cloisters are a great many amongst y^e rest y^s.

M^{rs}

Apharra Bhen⁴

died April 16th

1689.

Here lies a proof y^t wit can never be
Defence enough against Mortality.

And allso of M^r Smith y^e musitian who died 169^o aged 63 years. When I had tir'd my self in y^e Abby, I went to seek out D^r Barwick. I found his house but he was not wthin they told me. In y^e afternoon I went to y^e playhouse in Lincolns Inn Fields where was acted y^e chances * [*in margin Aug. 18*]. Next day, being Sunday, I went to y^e old-change, in y^e Afternoon to St Anns. Munday morning [19th] I made ready for a Journey, but was stai'd partly y^t my Linnen might be wash'd and partly for y^e company of Cos. who said he wo'd go wth me a little way next morning. At night M^r Atkinson (my Cos. head Drawer born at Ekrigg in Killington⁵) accompanied me to y^e Theatre royall and gave me a play. There was acted Pastor Fido⁶ all by women. Between y^e 2^d & 3^d Act was y^e finest Music y^t ever I heard performed by above 20 y^t play'd on violins haut boys, Harpsicord, bas violins and a trumpet sounded to admiration, and a Drum, and some 10 Voices of Men & Women. 'Twas made to be play'd on y^e birthday of y^e Duke of Gloucester.⁷ In my coming out I heard M^r Wybergh⁸ a talking, and took hold of him, and was very glad to hear him (for see him I co'd not). No parting wth dry lips. to ye Tavern we move and after a pint of sack & a pint of white we parted. M^r Atkinson and I called at an eating house, had 2 penny worth of Oysters, and a

¹ Thomas Thynne of Longleat, murdered in his coach in the Haymarket, 1682.

² Ben Jonson (1573 ?-1637), dramatist and poet.

³ William Cavendish (1592-1676), an eminent Royalist; his wife was Margaret (1624 ?-1674) dau. of Sir John Lucas.

⁴ Afra, Aphra, or Ayfara, Behn (1640-89), dramatist and novelist.

⁵ A parish, etc., 7 miles N. of Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmoreland.

⁶ A pastoral drama by Giambattista Guarini (1537-1612).

⁷ William, Duke of Gloucester, son of Queen Ann (1689-1700).

⁸ Probably Jeffery, son of G. Wybergh of Innerdale, Cumberland; matric. Queen's Coll. 3 Nov. 1688, aged 17; Rector of Bewcastle, 1699, of Lamplugh, 1700, and of Caldbeck (all in Cumberland), 1701 (Foster).

flaggon of Ale, yⁿ home and to bed. Next morning I got readdy, gave y^e Cook mayd 2^s 6^d, y^e Oastler 1^s, and mounted a little horse y^t Cos. Speight had rid on out of y^e Country about a fortnight before, y^t was his Fathers and I was to carry him it home again. Cos. Speight came wth me into old street, put me into Cambridge road and bad me a good journey. I thank'd him for all, and quickly bad London farewell and jogg'd on to Hogsdon,¹ and so to Ware a dirty Town truly, famous for nothing y^t I Know but a great bed. I call'd at y^e Bull I think 'twas y^e sign & got my dinner. The new river y^t waters most part of London comes from besides y^t Town. After dinner I mounted and came to Weeds-mil² where I was stop'd wth a turn pike till a penny open'd it, thrô I pass'd on to Puckridge, and yⁿ to Bakewell,³ where I lodged at the George. I intended further but a very great storm of rain hindered me. Next morning I got to Cambridge about noon, & lighted at the green dragon. The Master of y^e house prov'd to be one Pearson born in Middleton,⁴ whose Father was a Collier at Barborn Colepits: After I had refresh'd my self a little, he took a walk wth me about Town to see y^e Colleges w^{ch} are pretty sweet places but not comparable to ours at Oxford except St Johns & Trinity, w^{ch} are very large and fine. Trinity has a new Library y^t has cost a great part of 20000^l building. At 4 I went to prayers at Kings Col. Chappell, y^e finest Building of y^s sort (some say) in y^e world, heré was a pretty good Anthem. This afternoon there happen'd a fire in a hay loft in Town but did small dammage. About supper time I sent for M^r Archer * who came to me and helped me to eat a roasted Rabbit; he left us about 10 a clock. In y^e morning M^r Archer came to see me pretty early [Aug. 22] & did not leave me till dinnertime, and yⁿ he lead me to his chamber in St Johns, where we had a very good dinner. After we had din'd I staid till he had writ a letter and yⁿ we went again to y^e Inn and about 3 I mounted. M^r Archer set me out of Toun, and my Landlord put me into y^e road for Huntingdon; whither about 7 a Clock wth much ado I came, for my horse fell lame. This is an old town and has had a Castle but 'tis demolish'd. 'Tis ill built and has nothing remarkable about it y^t I either saw or heard of. In y^e morning [Aug. 23] I took horse and about noon got to Peterburrow, where I eat 2 Pigeons y^e best y^t ever I eat. This Town is somew^t better built yⁿ Huntingdon, but not very fine; it has in it a good Cathedrall, but far short of w^t I had heard of it. And y^s I took notice of y^t it had no spire steeple, thô y^e country hereabouts does much abound wth tall ones. From hence I rid thrô a very blind path to

¹ *i.e.* Hoddesdon, 4 miles S.E. of Hertford.

² *i.e.* Wadesmill, 2 miles N. of Ware.

³ Probably Barkway is intended, 4½ miles S.E. of Royston.

⁴ Probably Middleton in Lonsdale, 6 miles N. of Kirkby Lonsdale.

Market Deeping, deep enough with dirt and myre, and so on to Born,¹ a town like y^e rest hereabouts, abounding wth dirty rivers, or rather ditches. I lodged here at y^e Bull w^{ch} sho'd have been [Aug. 24] a Kind of a Tavern. In y^e morning I set forward for Sleaford and had a very wet forenoon, so y^t dragling, dripping dry I took covert under y^e Angels wings. A Sign Heaven was w^{thin}, but it prov'd not so. A wench I met enough to give a man a vomit, yet she prov'd y^e Cook maid. Wel, but to dinner I went, had a curious piece of roasted beif set before me, y^e platter bravely bedect wth dripping and grease, and it look'd as like a piece of a rotten horse as anything I Know. Vinegar I call'd for, 'twas brought in a Cruet delicately besmear'd wth grease, not very deep for I co'd discern y^e Cruet was glass. Drink I had somew^t finer yⁿ Mustard, and bread film'd over wth grease: Alas my Stomac was not very good, I was well sated wth y^e sight and smell, and thò it rain'd very hard, I had a mind to try whether riding wò'd get me a stomac. To't I went, and above expectation y^e day prov'd pretty fair: I had delicate way on a large down very full of Rabbits, and got in good time to Lincoln and y^t found I had a coming Stomac, I supp'd and yⁿ to bed in y^e best Chamber at y^e Black Bull. Next day [25 Aug.] I went to y^e Cathedra^{ll}, w^{ch} is a very noble old building, and there we had prayers and a sermon in y^e Quire. After dinner I resorted thither again, and took notice of y^e 2 little Gentlemen y^t strike Quarters, and y^e old Don y^t beats y^e hour. The Clock shoves y^e month, day of y^e month, and y^e Phases of y^e Moon. It has 3 very high towers on each of w^{ch} is a spire of wood cover'd over wth lead. Each Tower has Bel or Bells in. That in y^e middle has 6. as likewise y^t on y^e south side of y^e west end, in y^t opposite one hangs y^e mighty Tom, 'tis not comparable thò for bigness to y^e great Bell at Christ Church Oxon, yet a very fine one. From y^e bottom to y^e top of y^t Tower are about 300 steps, each over y^e 5th p^t of a Yard. It stands on y^e highest hill (some say) in y^e whole county, and it is seen at a great distance; y^e ascent to it is very steep. The Town formerly has been very large, as one may perceive by y^e walls, now all most ruin'd. It has yet about 12 Churches [Aug. 26] and some forty in ruinous heaps. Next morning I was all in a haste to be gone, to be early at Ganesburrow,² but I might as well have stai'd a little longer where I was, as to have wander'd I Know not where. However wth much ado by noon I gain Ganesburrow, and din'd at y^e George. This town stands on y^e bank of Trent, and has a deal of boats belonging to it. Its buildings are indifferent, and it has a good large market place. I left it and came to Stockwith where I ferried over Trent, and found a fair on y^s side, but I fairly pass'd thrò and over a great common & so came to Epworth, a worthy town if one consider its length, but for

¹ *i.e.* Bourne.² *i.e.* Gainsborough.

nothing els. I pass'd on to Santoft, whither I came a little before sun set, and had an extraordinary violent shower w^{ch} in $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour's time was over. Night draws on, and I am on a lame Jade on y^e Casewayes y^e Dutchmen made us. After about 2 miles on y^m a young Gentleman overtook me, and we went darkling on to gether to Thoarn¹ (as y. call it) and inn'd at y^e Ship where we form'd a company of Jolly lads come to be Merry; for it was a Holy day, their Feast day. In y^e morning [Aug. 27] we mounted about 7. and rid on a Caseway till we came to turnbridge,² near w^{ch} is a very fine house³ of my Lord Downs. Here y^e Gentleman (M^r Hodgson) left me, and I march'd to y^e Ferry near Snathe,⁴ and pass'd over, and came to a fine house of Sir William (or Michael) Stapletons;⁵ from thence to Selby where is a very large Church, y^t I suppose has been Collegiate, one half of its Tower fell about 4 years agoe (1691) by an earthquake, or y^e Sinking of y^e ground. Here were ships and boats a building, and an other ferry boat in w^{ch} I cross'd y^e river, and so on to Escrick where I din'd: From there I march'd to York, and inn'd at y^e Sword and Feather. I went as soon as I had rested a little to see y^e Cathedrall, w^{ch} is y^e largest y^t ever I saw. Tis very wide, y^e cros nave is about 108 paces, & very high. The Organ is sweet, y^e windowes fine and large; Monuments of some Bishops remarkable, amongst y^e rest y^t of D^r Lamplugh.⁶ The Lanthorn is about 300 steps high each $\frac{1}{5}$ or $\frac{1}{6}$ p^t of a yard. I saw in a Kind of a vestry y^e famous horn or rather tooth of an Elephant, a Canopy of State, St Peters sword, y^e Cock, St Peters well, and drank some of y^e water. I was also in y^e Chapter house, w^{ch} is a very fine thing; 'Tis 21 yards diameter and exactly round; it has excellent good stone work, and has had curious gilding and painting, but time has somew^t defac'd it. its windowes are noble. The stone of this church is very durable, for thô it be antient they seem as if but lately laid. One Tower has 12 Bell one of w^{ch} is pretty large. This Town is very compact, and close built, its streets are but narrow, its form is somew^t round. Next morning [Aug. 28] I left it and came to Tadcaster, yⁿ to Otley, & lodg'd at Borleigh⁷ famous for a great pudding people talk of. My horse fell sick and I fear'd he wo'd have fail'd me, but in the morning [Aug. 29] was well again, and I set on my Journey thrô long Aldingham⁸ yⁿ over Rumblesmoor⁹ (a piece of dreadfull way on a bitter windy rainy day as y^s was) at y^e bottom of w^{ch} stands Skipton, here I din'd and came y^t night (somew^t late) to Settle. In y^e morning

¹ i.e. Thorne.² i.e. Tunbridge, about 2 miles E. of Snaith, Yorks.³ Cowick, then the seat of John Dawnay, 1st Viscount Downe.⁴ i.e. Snaith.⁵ Carlton, the seat of Sir Miles Stapleton, 1st Baronet.⁶ Thomas Lamplugh (1615-91); Bishop of Exeter, 1675-82; Archbishop of York, 1688-91.⁷ i.e. Burley in Wharfedale.⁸ i.e. Addingham.⁹ i.e. Rumbles (or Rombalds) Moor.

(Aug. 30) I rid thró Giggleswick and over y^e scarr, upon w^{ch} I endur'd a very bitter storm of wind and rain, and came to dine at Ingleton, and to supp and lodge at my Aunt Elines¹ at Kirby [31 Aug.]. The day following, being y^e last of y^e month and of y^e week I got to my Fathers house in Witherslack. The first Letters y^t Here I was concern'd wth was 2 y^t I had receiv'd att London And had promised to convey as directed ; I thought to have deliver'd y^m and my horse to w^m y. did belong, wth my own hands, but being somew^t tired we got Robert Barwick to ride over wth y^m. I writt one wth each as follows.

For M^r Richard Speight at his house near Sedbergh.

Witherslack 7^r 3^d (1695). S^r. I am sorry y^e illness of y^e weather & my weariness will not permitt me to deliver up y^r horse with my own hands : I did fully purpose to have waited upon You but at present am hindred, yet e'r long I hope to see You. In y^e mean time I must acknowledge my Self much oblig'd to You, not onely for y^e horse, w^{ch} travail'd very well, and perform'd y^e journey wth Ease both to me and himself, but also for those many Favours I received from y^r Son and Daughter at London, who have laid such deep obligations on me y^t I despair ever to make a full requitall. They both give their Duty and love to You, and all other y^r Relations wth You, as also doth my Father and Mother. Pray S^r excuse y^s and be pleas'd to account of me as of one who is assuredly, S^r, Y^r much obliged Friend and most dutifull serv^t & Kinsman T.B. The enclos'd I suppose will satisfie You about y^r Sons late journey. I came to Witherslack last Saturday.

The other was y^s : To George Atkinson at Aikrigg in Killington.

With. 7^r 3^d (1695). Friend, I was lately at London where, at y^e Fountain Tavern I saw y^r son George, who laid some obligations upon me to see You at Aikrigg, but because y^e wayes are bad, and I tired wth my Journey I cannot now conveniently perform w^t I intended. Therefore I thought it meet having this opportunity to send You y^e enclosed from Y^r son George, who att y^e writing of it, was to outward appearance very well, as was also y^r other Son who lives near London. I am oblig'd to George on severall accounts, and co'd do no less yⁿ take care to convey his to You with all convenient Speed and for his sake and y^r own I am in a Friendly way Y^r Serv^t T.B. When you write to London I desire You to remember me to Y^r son.

After these I was not troubled wth receiving or writing any Letters for some time. But M^r Crewdson² Curate of Ulverstone diing in y^e spring my Father put me upon seeking to succeed him ; w^{ch} I did,

¹ Ellen Willan, sister of the Author's mother.

² John Crewdson became Curate of Ulverston in 1683, though he was not ordained priest till 1690. He was buried at Ulverston, 12 Mar. 1695-96. (V.C.H., Lancs.)

and got Mr Braddyl¹ on my side and others. It created me much trouble, some of w^{ch} was to read over such Letters as y^s.

For Mr Tomas brouckbanck at his Fadres hous in Widerslake.

Mr Brockebanke, Mee Master² is comt home and I did aquaent him y^t You had bin hear and hee and mee M^{rs} I thinke will be bouth of them willin to You and I saw Mr Swanson at Olvserston and hee spake much in your behelf so I think that You shod com our as shortly as You can if You have a mind no mor but my searves to You & your Father and Moder from Y^r Friend to searve You in what I can R: T. March 27, 1696. Connisshhead.

I Know not whether I answer'd this or no. Some time after I having a mind to take Orders at Trinity, I writt to y^e Bishop³ and Mr Armstrong writt wth me in y^e bottom of my Letter; w^{ch} was as Followes.

Witherslack April y^e 20, 1696. My Lord, I ever esteem'd it to be y^e greatest honour I co'd possibly attain to, to be numbred amongst y^e Sons of y^e Clergy, yet so long as I remain'd at Oxon y^t honour was deny'd me. for not being either Fellow or Chaplain of any Coll. or M^r of Arts of so long standing as is requir'd, I co'd find nothing in y^e Canon favourable to my desires: But now I hope an advantageous construction may be put upon't in reference to me; Since my Father is an aged Man & has been incumbent here at Witherslack a long time, & is both able and willing to Afford me a competent allowance to assist him as his curate. This I have some reason to think may be a sufficient Title: yet not being fully satisfied herein I do humbly apply my self to y^r Lordship earnestly desiring to be inform'd whether or no y^s may qualifie me to wait on y^r Lordship for Holy Orders y^e next Ember week: If it may, be pleas'd to Know y^t then I do intend to wait upon y^r Lordship, and allso be pleas'd to pardon y^s great trouble and boldnes of, My Lord, Y^r Lordships most humble serv^t T.B. If y^r Lordship will be pleas'd to honour me wth a line in answer to y^s it may be directed to me at my Fathers house in W. to be left at M^r Rob^t Cowherds shop in Kendall, Westmorland.

To y^s my Lord was pleas'd to turn y^s answer.

S^r. W^a y^r Letter came to Chester the last week, I was abroad, employed in some public affaires of my Diocess: being now returned home, I take y^e first opportunity to let you Know; y^t I am so well satisfied wth y^r own letter, and wth y^e character M^r Armstrong^{*} has given of You, y^t You need not fear but You shall be welcome to me, y^e next Ember Week; Onely

¹ John Braddyll, of Conishead Priory in the Parish of Ulverston (1659-1728), was seated there in right of his wife Sarah, dau. and h. of Miles Dodding; she died 19 Apr. 1744, aged 78. John B. was son of Thomas B. of Portfield (1621-1706) by Jane his wife, dau. of William Rishton of Dunnishope, near Accrington. (Whitaker's *Hist. of Whalley*.)

² The above-named John Braddyll.

³ Nicholas Stratford (1633-1707), made Bishop of Chester, 1669.

I desire You to bring along with You y^e Title You mention ; and a certificate of y^r Life & conversation exactly agreeable to y^e 34th Canon, and also a Certificate of y^r age, I am S^r Your sincere Friend N. Cestriens 4th 1696.

About y^s time I receiv'd an other Letter bearing y^e same date, w^{ch} was as followes.

May 4 1696 Cunshahead¹ M^r brockbank me Master was seing to mee y^t hee louked long to heare from You and axed mee If I heared any thing of You when I was at Milthrop,² and hee feared that the would blame him b'case the want one so long and so many hath profered there serves. So if You would com our and see about it Your self or writ to mee Master or M^r Wodes what You intends to do and wheder you have a mind of y^e place or not, so If You have a mind I would have You not to defear it for many of the toun Seth that the thought the should have seen You or this these is from Y^r Friend to Serve you, Robert Tompson.

This caus'd me to cross Furness sands, and thô not in orders to preach at Ulverston on y^e 24 of May. Next week I went over sands again to Connishead, & from thence 2 or 3 times to Dalton³ to speak wth M^r Woods,⁴ and to get his Letter to y^e Bishop, but he put me off till Whitsunday, and said he wo'd y^t day be at Ulverston, and give his Letter to M^r Braddyl. In y^e afternoon I got a Letter from him, and came over y^e sands again to Holker,⁵ where I got a recommendatory Letter to y^e B^p from M^r Preston,⁶ and on Monday I set forward for Chester where I arrived on Wednesday towards night, and yⁿ went to wait upon y^e Bishop ; In y^e Hall of y^e Palace I met wth M^r Wildman⁷ my Competitour, and we were admitted to my Lord both at once. But Woods had juggl'd wth me for he had likewise written wth Wildman, and told y^e B^p the People was all for him, and he had got a deal of their hands set to a paper, w^{ch} mov'd y^e B^p to give Wildman Licence to y^e Place. On y^e Sunday following being Trinity Sunday [June 7th] I was ordain'd Deacon and on y^e morrow receiv'd my Letters of Orders, and likewise a recommendatory Letter from Archdeacon Entwistle⁸ to

¹ Conishead.

² Milnthorpe.

³ Dalton in Furness, 3 miles N.E. of Barrow.

⁴ Joseph Woods was impropiator of Ulverston.

⁵ Holker is about 2 miles W. of Cartmel, and was then the seat of the Preston family.

⁶ Thomas Preston of Holker (*d.* 1696-97) married Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Roger Bradshaigh of Haigh, co. Lancaster—the "Madame Preston" so often mentioned in these memoirs. Their only daughter and heiress Catherine married Sir William Lowther of Marske, who died in 1705. Their son and heir was Sir Thomas Lowther, who *d.* 1745 ; and his son Sir William (*d.* 1756) left Holker to his maternal cousin, Lord George Cavendish. (*West's History of Furness.*)

⁷ Thomas Wildman, B.A., curate of Ulverston from 1696 in succession to John Crewdson, to his death, 1714.

⁸ Edmund, younger son of John Entwisle of Foxholes ; married Grace, dau. of Nicholas Stratford, Bp. of Chester ; Rector of Barrow, co. Chester, 1691 ;

Mr Haddon at Manchester. Ye Bishop likewise told me of a place in his Gift. This Town [Chester] is ancient, called formerly Caerlion, and has been strongly wall'd and fortified; ye walls are yet in good repair. It has a good old castle in it where I was to wait on ye Governour Colonell Kirby. The Cathedrall is large enough, and it has a parish church in one side of it: But tis built of a Kind of red stone, wth w^{ch} all y^s country abounds, and it looks miserably ragged on ye out Side. Here is an Engine y^t conveys water all over ye town w^{ch} formerly was done by a water tower y^t stands by ye Bridge of a great height but now is useless. The Town is all piazza'd and one may go any whither all most and never look out of doors. Here are some good buildings, but many are ordinary enough. 'Tis a dear Town. I' left it on Monday about ten and next morning waited on Mr Haddon¹ at Huntsbank in Manchester, who told me of some places y^t were yⁿ vacant about Bolton. I had not time enough to go thrô Manchester, but by ye little I saw of it I judg'd it to be a large and a fine Town. Wⁿ I came home I acquainted my Father wth ye places before spoke of, and he was altogether for y^t w^{ch} was in ye B^{ps} gift, whereupon I writt again to my Lord, to desire him to nominate me to it: and a little while after I receiv'd this following Letter from him.

S^r. I begg pardon for y^s late return to y^{rs} thô I can make a tollerable excuse for it. I had speedily given You notice y^t ye place w^{ch} I had in my thoughts for You happened not to be in my disposall; for thô it indeed belongs to ye Bishop of Chester, yet my Predecessors had granted ye choice & nomination of the Minister to ye Gentleman to w^m they leas'd ye Tithes of ye Rectory as I have since found by consulting ye lease: This, I say, I intended to have given You speedy notice of, but D^r Entwistle dissuaded me from writing to You till he had receiv'd an answer concerning an other place, w^{ch} he thought might be more convenient & advantageous to You: but before he receiv'd y^t answer, my Visitation came on, w^{ch} so wholly engross'd my time & thoughts that I had not leisure to think on other matters. By a Letter I receiv'd on Saturday from D^r Entwistle (w^m I have left at Chester) I find y^t he has lost his directions for sending to You: I shall therefore tomorrow write to him to let him Know, how he may direct a Letter to You; and yⁿ I question not, but he will take ye first opportunity of making an other proposall to You, w^{ch} I think is more desirable than y^t w^{ch} I had in my Eye. Present my hearty love & respects to Y^r Father. I am, S^r, Y^r affectionate Brother N. Cestriens. Wigan, July 27. 1696.

D^r Entwistle I suppose did write to me but it never reach'd me. About ye 21st of September I receiv'd y^s from Oxon.

Archdeacon of Chester, 1695; *d.* 1707, aged 47. (*Wardens of Manchester*, Chet. Soc., N.S., Vol. 6.)

¹ Peter Haddon, Vicar of Bolton-le-moors, Lancs., 1691-1721. (*V.C.H.*)

Q.C.O. 7^{ba} 10th (96). M^r Brockbank. M^r Robert Harrison & others have often enquired after You, and desired me to put You in mind of some concerns You have wth y^m. I was loath to give You y^e trouble of a Letter but at last I was prevail'd wth to write to You, onely to let You Know y^t S^r Robert Harrison desires y^e favour of a Letter from You by Burnyeats. My service to y^r good Father and Mother. I rest Y^r affectionate Friend Edw: Bowness.

I answer'd this by Burnyeats.

Witherslack 7^r 27th (96). S^r. I give You hearty thanks for y^r Letter, and do desire You to get y^e enclos'd convey'd whither directed, and wth all to let my Creditours Know y^t 'twas not forgetfulness w^{ch} made me so long silent: I did not intend they sho'd have heard from me til I had got Money for y^m, but for ought I Know, 'tis yet to win y^t must pay of my Ticks. My Father has receiv'd no rents since I came into y^e country but is in hopes y^t now about Michaelmass, all arrears will be paid him. If his Tenants fail him not I shall be sure not to faill my Creditours y^e next return. I sho'd take it as a great Kindness, if You wo'd be pleas'd wⁿ I send up money, to dispose of it as I shall direct: or if you do not care for y^t trouble, to let me Know w^m I may imploy in y^t affair, and allso it wo'd be esteem'd a great Favour if You wo'd inform me in a few lines how squares have gone at Oxon since I left it, and especially in y^r house. M^r H. Fleming¹ goes by y^e name of D^r here, but some of us can scarce be perswaded he has taken y^t Degree. Y^r Relations wth us are well. My Father and Mother give y^r service to You, and I likewise desire my poor service sho'd be divided amongst my Friends, and am S^r Y^r obliged Friend and humble Serv^t T.B.

The enclos'd were as followes—This to S^r Rob^t Harrison.

S^r. I am asham'd after so long silence now at last to break it wth a few empty words, y^t are good for nothing. Tis much against my mind I assure You, y^t I am still Y^r Debtor, but I hope e'r y^e next return of y^e Carrier to get a supply of Money enough to rub of my old scores in y^r shop-book. Indeed it is no easy thing to get as much in y^s country, for such a dearth of money was never Known: we have long expected some new coin but it comes very slowly; However I will lay out my utmost endeavour to get You paid, for I even blush wⁿ I think how long I have been indebted to You. In y^e mean time I do desire You to harbour no ill opinion of me, w^t ever circumstances may suggest, for I desire to live no longer, yⁿ while I approve my self to be an honest man and S^r Y^r obliged Friend and serv^t T.B.

This to Seymour Cook, Barber.

M^r Cook, I am sorry y^e scarceness of money sho'd make me thus long run on tick wth You, 'Twas not my intent wⁿ I left Oxon I assure You so

¹ Henry Fleming, son of Daniel F. of Rydal, Westmoreland; matric. Queen's Coll. 1678, aged 17; B.A. 1682; M.A. 1685; B. and D.D. 1696; Rector of Grasmere, Westmoreland, 1685, and of Asby, 1694; d. 1728 (Foster).

much as to make You fear to lose any thing by me, but things have fallen out somew^t cross, and truly I cannot blame You, if y^r opinion of me be not so good as formerly. You may please to send me a bill by y^e Carrier and I shall take care to get money to clear it. I sho^d be glad to Know how guineas pass, & w^t store of new coin is stirring, for we have little or none, and how affaires go in town, w^t reception y^e K. met wth at Oxon, & how he took y^e proceedings of y^e University, we had but a very imperfect relation of it, and You may, I presume, give me as just an account thereof as any schollar. By so doing You will oblige Y^r affectionate Friend T. Bro:

This to M^r Tho. Haddon Mancipall of S^t Mary Hall

M^r Mancipall, I think while I resided at S^t Mary Hall You had an indifferent good opinion of me, but I fear You have since chang'd it, and indeed if You have, 'twas not wthout all shew of Reason: You may imagine perhaps y^t after I turn'd my back of Oxon, I never thought more of You; but I assure You of Y^e Contrary, and am very sorry y^t as yet I can give you no better assurances thereof yⁿ my bare word. It has been difficult enough in y^s Country to get money to buy necessities, for 'twas never Known so scarce: Since I came into y^s Country my Father has not receiv'd one penny of rent from y^e Leasors y^t farm y^e Tith barns, and other estates belonging to his church, and but little from y^e Tenant y^t lives on his own estate, But now at Michaelmas they have promis'd to pay off all: If y. do or do not, I am resolv'd y^t God willing, y^e Trifle I ow You shall not be much longer unpaid: If You will but have patience till y^e next return of Q.C. Carrier, yⁿ You may expect it. Pray give my service to y^e Principall, M^r Viceprincipall & all Friends wth You and think me still to be an honest man, for so at last You shall find me, as allso Y^r Friend and to serve You in w^t I am able T: B:

Sometime y^s month of September I was at Connyside, where Madam Dodding¹ Shew'd me a paper wherein was a Kind of an Epitaph to be writ on her husbands Tomb at Ulverstone, and it was y^s

Manent hîc sacræ Cineres Milonis Dodding de Connyside Armigeri Quî a Dnō Præfecto in præfecturam Com. Lanc delegatus: honore et fide istis se dignum demonstravit, Officium etiam Justiciarii Pacis hoc eodem Com. perspicaciter præstitit. Vir vere bonus ex amabili familiâ natus, et ornatus additamentis Literarum pariter ac Ingenii præ cæteris urbanus, Universis æquus, filius Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ genuinus, Fidei erga Principem inviolabilis, Maritus amantissimus indulgens Pater, in justis Providus, Amicitia certus, hic non sine Lachrymis et luctibus Patriæ decessit 19 die Aprilis Anno 34 Caroli 2ⁱ Regis A.D. 1682. Atq̃ Æt suæ 41. tristissimis relictis Margareta conjugæ charissimâ,

¹ Margaret, dau. of Roger Kirkby of Kirkby Ireleth, and widow of Miles Dodding of Conishead. Their only surviving child, Sarah, married John Brad-dyll of Portfield, and conveyed Conishead to that family.

Willielmo unico filio, exhac sine prole decesso, Agnete et Sarâ
Dilectis filijs nunc Co-hæredibus suis 1686.

But because I found fault wth something in it, she desir'd me to
take it home wth me and alter it where I thought fit, I did so, and
made it run as followes.

Sacri Hic manent Cineres Milonis Dodding de Connishead
Armigeri, Qui a Carolo II Rege ad pacis Curationem
evocatus, et a Dnō Præfecto in præfecturam Com^{us}. Lanc^a
delegatus fidelitate Summâ et honore utrumq; præstitit
officium. Vir (Si quis) vere bonus, ex familia Natus
amabili, Ingenij pariter ac Literarum additamentis ornatus.

Ecclesiæ filius erat genuinus,
Erga Principem Fidei ð violandæ¹
Amantissimus Maritus, Pater indulgens,
In justis providus, Amicitia certus
Præ cæteris urbanus Universis æquus
Non sine lacrymis et luctibus patriæ decimo nono
die Aprilis vitam (non deposuit sed) intravit

Anno { Ætat. XLI
{ Domi MDCLXXXII.

To y^s I added one of my own.

M.S.

Milonis Dodding de Connyside Arm :

Qui

Indoli nativæ politiori addita educatione
Quolibet honore et officio se dignū demonstravit :
Ad Pacis custodiam primo deinde ad Com.

Lanc. Vicepræfecturam merito evocatus

Ecclesiæ et Regi Subditus fidelis,

Patriæ filijsq; Pater Sollicitus,

Conjugi charus, æquus omnibus,

non annis sed moribus Senex occubuit

Decimo nono die Aprilis Anno { Ætat. 41
{ Dom. 1682
{ Conjugii

These I included in a paper wth y^s Letter.

To Madam Dodding att Connyside (wth my humblest Service) this present.
Witherslack 7^r 1. (1696). Madam, I did intend e'r y^s to have waited upon
You wth the Inscription You were pleas'd to give me to peruse, but have
hitherto been hindred, and as yet cannot wth conveniency cross y^e Sands.

¹ Not clear in the original: but probably this ð stands for non.

I have therefore now Sent it You transcrib'd, and alter'd (I fear not for y^e better) as allso an other w^{ch} wo'd be more fit for a stone, were it fit for public view : But indeed both are such as I dare not call well done, and gō do desire my name may be conceal'd. Pray Madam excuse y^e boldness, and, if You will be pleas'd to honour me so much, give my humblest service to M^r Braddyl & his Lady¹ &c and think me to be as really I am, Madam, Y^r much obliged Friend & Very humble serv^t T.B.

I added y^s on y^e reverse.

Pacis nuper vigilantissimus Custos
Et comitatūs Lancastriæ Vice-Præfectus

Milo Dodding

Natu, indole, educatione generosus

Hic

Cælo maturus

Spe certâ resurgendi in Christo

Carnis deposuit Exuvias.

Vis cœtera ?

Non Marmor, sed cœlum petas et

Qualis hic vixerit discas.

Obijt cœlestem vitam anhelans

XIII Kal. Maij. AD. 1682.

On y^e 18th of October I preach and read prayers at Staveley, but before I went into y^e Chappel I receiv'd y^s wth some other papers.

S^r. These are to desire You in y^e name of a stranger whose name is Barrow, an old consort of M^r Battyes, as I gather from his Company. To give notice to y^e Auditory as soon as You have dismissed them, y^t he will preach in y^e afternoon at y^e Chappel. He promis'd me to shew his Orders according to y^e 50th Canon before he begun to preach. I hope if You tarry y^e afternoon prayers You will see y^m. You must not speak anything y^t his design is for charity, he reckons y^t cuttes peoples throats to hear of y^t & will hinder y^m from coming. pray take care to publish y^e note herewith delivered & be so Kind as to take y^t trouble to board at my Land Lords where before and You will very much oblige y^r very affectionate serv^t Edmund Law² Staveley.³ Octob. 8. 96. S^r I will see You shortly and comfort you for y^r Trouble. Pray pardon y^t fault in y^e Superscription I have not y^r Name.

About y^s time I receiv'd w^t follows.

S^r. I writt to You 6 or 8 weekes since about Turton⁴ Chappell, but whether you receiv'd my Letter, or whether You have since made any application

¹ John Braddyl and Sarah (Dodding) his wife.

² Edmund Law became incumbent and schoolmaster of Staveley in 1693 and died in 1742. His son Edmund (1703-87) became Bishop of Carlisle in 1768, and was father of Edward, 1st Lord Ellenborough.

³ Staveley in Lancashire, 5 miles N. of Cartmel.

⁴ A village in Lancashire, 4 miles N. of Bolton-le-moors.

to M^r Haddon Vicar of Bolton, or to M^r Chetam ¹ y^e Gentleman y^t lives at Turton I have not heard. I wo'd desire to Know y^r Intention in y^s matter, for if You wo'd rather fix elsewhere y^s place will be very acceptable to some others. Y^r Friend & servant Edm. Entwistle. Chester, Sept. 21.

To y^s I answer'd (after I had spoke wth M^r Preston,² who put me upon acquainting y^e Bishop) y^t I desir'd his favour as to supply y^e place of y^e K's preachers ³ an y^s side y^e Sands as followes.

Witherslack near Kendall. S^r. I humbly thank You, for Y^{rs} of y^e 21st ult, as allso for y^r other mention'd in y^t thô it did not reach me : but am sorry I sho'd put You to y^e trouble of writing so oft. As to Turton Chappel I did imagine it had been supplied e^r y^s but y^e reason why I did not make any application to M^r Haddon &c about it, was (chiefly) y^e report I heard of the place, y^t its inhabitants were a factious and divided company, and y^s made me think an experienc'd person was more fit for it, yⁿ such a young man as my Self. However if I had an account of it, w^t sort of people y^e Auditours are ; and w^t y^e annual income does usually amount to (if it is not as yet dispos'd of, and You think it convenient for me to undertake y^t charge) I sho'd lay out my endeavours to obtain it. At present I have an Ey to some think [*sic*] els, and no doubt y^r countenance would very much further my design : I am inform'd y^e Kings Preachers wo'd allow something to one to execute their office on y^s side y^e Sands, and am apt enough to think my self not altogether unfit for such an Employ at least not more so yⁿ a Young man, y^t I hear does make some interest for it ; And because it will ly in my Lord Bishops' breast to appoint such an one, I humbly Desire You to put him in mind of me, and likewise to return att y^r leisure a line or two in answer to y^s from S^r Y^r troublesom Serv^t T.B. Jr.

At y^e same time I writt to y^e Bishop in y^e following words,

Witherslack near Kendall.⁴ My Lord, I am informed y^e Kings Preachers have a mind to be quitt of y^e trouble and danger of crossing our Sands so frequently as they are now oblig'd to do ; and therefore are willing to allow something out of their Sallaries to one to preach for yⁿ on y^s side : If Y^r Lordship do think me a fit person, I shall be very ready to take y^s charge upon me, not wth out hopes of performing y^t duty to y^e profit and content of y^e Country. I hear M^r Swainson ⁵ is a making interest for it, but y^r Lordship Knowes, y^t he is a very Young man and has allready a Cure to serve whereas I am altogether at Liberty, and sho'd make it my whole business. I humbly desire y^e continuance of y^r Lordships Favour,

¹ Turton Tower was since 1628 the property of the Chetham family, and in 1696 the owner was James Chetham.

² Thomas Preston of Holker.

³ The " King's Preachers " * were founded by Queen Elizabeth to overcome the shortage of clergy in Lancashire. She allotted £200 to support four of these. They were not to hold benefices.

⁴ A figure or sign here apparently intended to indicate the date but illegible.

⁵ Apparently Rev. Richard Swainson, Vicar of Urswick.

and pardon for y^e great trouble y^t is so frequently put upon You by, My Lord, Y^r Lordships much oblig'd humble serv^t T. B.

Now y^e carrier's return'd from oxon, and has sent me two Letters he brought wth him from thence ; The former y^s.

Q.C.O. Nov. y^e 10th 96. M^r Brockbank. If You please to trust me wth y^e disposall of y^r Money wⁿ You send it I shall pay it faithfully according to y^r order. We have no Newes at Oxford onely one Birket¹ has founded a Poeticall Lecture 40^l y. annum. Many stand candidates for it but tis thought y^t M^r Addison² of Magd. Coll. will have it at last. My service to y^r Parents, and my Cozens, I pray Do you accept of y^e same from Y^r Faithfull Friend and serv^t Edw. Bowness.

The other from S^r Rob^t Harrison, thus.

M^r Brockbank. I did receive y^r Letter inclos'd in M^r Bowness' Letter, & did expect my money wⁿ he came last, but pray fail not to let me have it y^e next Journey, I am in haste Y^{rs} to command R. Harrison. [*illeg.*] 16th 1696.

In mine to y^e Barber I desired his answer by y^e Carrier, and to acquaint me wth some affaires of Oxon (p. 131 [of MS.]) but he did neither. Towards Christmas he sent me y^s by y^e Post.

Dec the 1 : 96 : from Oxon. M^r. Brockbank. S^r. Y^{rs} I received whearing I understand y^t You are desirous to Know what it is due to mee, y^e whole account is four Pounds eighteen shillings Received one Pound fifteen Shillings so theare Remains due three Pounds three shillings w^{ch} is all at present from y^r Serv^t Seymour Cook, Barber.

	£	s.	d.
For two Periwiggs	1	—10	—0
For trimming	1	—13	—0

3—03—0 M^r Bowness is very well.

Before I answer'd these I receiv'd an other by a Special messenger in these very words.

Jan : y^e : 16 : day. Sir, this is to let You understand that I diser You that You give me the onerr of Comppany Thursday next ensuing I give my sevars to your Father and mother. I rest Yours Jenet Chippendall.

I waited on y^s Bride y^e day shee set me to her husbands house in Bolton. In our coming home again on Milthorp Sands y^e Brides brothers horse fell down dead. And now I am perplext how to get Money to answer y^e former Letters with. My fathers Tenant has deceiv'd him

¹ Henry Birkhead (1617 ?-1696), Latin poet. The professorship of Poetry at Oxford was founded in 1708 from funds bequeathed by Birkhead. (*D.N.B.*)

² Joseph Addison (1672-1719), essayist, poet, and statesman.

and so has y^e Borderers by Penrith. So I am forc'd to borrow 6^l of Anthony Strickland of Hartbarrow, and M^r John Phillipson sen^r of Hodgehill sent me 5 guineas by his grandson John in a note,

S^r. Here is five guineas at y^r Service untill You can answer y^m again from Y^r Friend, John Phillipson. And if these will not serve You, You may command for 2 more.

And now having got money ready I posted to Kendale where I met wth Fra. Burnyeats to w^m I paid 16^l 13^s to be paid to Mr. Bowness, and 5^s 6^d for Carriage of it, and 1^s for Carriage of Letters w^{ch} I sent by him, and they were as followes.

For M^r Bowness.

Kendale Feb. 20th 1697. S^r. I have sent 16^l 13^s by y^e Carrier and paid him for Carriage out of w^{ch} I desire You to pay to S^r Rob^t Harrison 11^l to Tho. Haddon Mancipall of S^t Mary Hall 3^s 10^s and to Cook y^e Barber 2^l and take a receipt in full of each of y^m y^e 3^s y^t remain You may put to w^t use You shal think fit at y^e Tavern or Ale house, onely I desire an Oxford Almanac out of it, w^{ch} You may lap up as a Letter and send by y^e Carrier. I think y^e Barber will not be well pleas'd, wth w^t I have sent him, but to satisfie him I have drawn up an exact account on y^e other side of all matters be twixt him and me.* Y^r Cosens wth us have both been out of health, but are pretty well recover'd. Robert has farm'd y^e Demesne¹ of y^e D^r and is to give about 80^l per annum for it. I have lately suffer'd a great loss by y^e death of an especial Friend, M^r Preston of Holker: He died at London about 3 weekes ago [on y^e 30th of January] and was buried at Cartmel Wednesday last. My Father and Mother give their service to You, and pray give mine to all Friends. I am Y^r affectionate Friend and humble serv^t T: B: The money is seal'd up, and it is 14 Guineas and 5 Crown pieces. Some pass Guineas at 1^l 2^s 6^d here.

*The substance of y^e account mentioned in y^s letter is y^s.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Four yeares & $\frac{1}{2}$ undergraduate	1	16	0	Paid by You S ^r for				
at 8 ^s per year amount to				2 yeares		0	16	0
Two yeares & $\frac{1}{2}$ at 10 ^s . per year				Paid more by me 1694	1	15	0	
Two wiggs at his Rate		1	10					
				Total paid		2	11	
Total debt		4	11	Remains		2	0	

W^{ch} I pray You pay and take of him a receipt in full; if he be willing to give You one, if not Keep y^s money in y^r own hand til further orders.

This I writ to Cook.

Witherslack Feb. 13th, 1697. M^r Cook, I expected an answer to mine by y^e Carrier, and an account of those things I writt about for I did not doubt but You wo'd have done so small a Kindness for me: I am sure I

¹ Witherslack Hall farm, the property of Dr. Marmaduke Witham.

was not negligent of y^r business about w^{ch} You employ'd me here in y^s Country, y^e time I was down before, for I rid my Mare above 20 miles in extraordinary bad weather to serve You, and wo'd have done as much more if You had desired it, and am now well rewarded by a post Letter, and y^s unreasonable Bil. I see men mind nothing but their own profit, and y^s made me take some paines to draw up an exact account between You and me, w^{ch} I have now sent to M^r Bowness, who will pay You all, and more yⁿ I am justly indebted to You, if You will give him an acquittance in full. Perhaps I may be at Oxon once wthin a year or two, and if y^s account please You not, we shall consider it over again. In y^e Interim I advice You to take Y^r Money, or otherwise You may find it hard to come by, not but y^t I intend to be allwayes honest and also Y^r Friend T.B.

To S^r Rob^t Harrison.

S^r. At last I have got money for You, but not without a great deal of difficulty. For my Fathers rents do not yet come in, and new money is stil very scarce wth us. You may please to go to, or send for M^r Bowness, and he will pay You all y^t is owing to You from, S^r, Y^r humble Serv^t. T.B.

To Tho: Haddon.

M^r Mancipall. If You will go to M^r Bowness of Q. Col. he will pay you 3*l* 10*s* w^{ch} I think is all y^t I am indebted to You. Had not money been so hard to come by in y^s Country, I wo'd have been out of y^r Book e^r this, and wo'd also now have sent You and y^r Brothers Butler and Cook somew^t to have caused You to remember in a Bottle of Sack. Y^r Friend T.B. My Service to M^r Principall M^r V.P. and all Friends. M^r Bowness will expect an acquittance.

To M^r George West Bookeseller.

M^r West, I have sent You a Catalogue of some bookes y^t I have a mind to buy, and do desire You to affix y^r lowest rate to each of y^m y^t You have, and perhaps I may be a Customer. I wo'd Know also how far y^e Translation has gone wth Dupins¹ Bibliotheca Patrum, and w^t volumes of D^r Tillotsons² Sermons are publish'd, and y^e price. If You wo'd send me a Catalogue of New bookes I shall be much obliged to You. I am Y^r affectionate Friend and serv^t T. B. You may direct Y^{rs} to me at Witherslack near Kendale and send it to Burnyeats and I shall receive it.

To M^r Tho: Treadwell Musitian.

M^r Treadwell, Our Country is plentiful enough for all things but Money and Music, and of these at present it is almost quite destitute. For y^e first I co'd do well enough, for I have an old Father y^t takes care to provide necessaries for me but I am e'en famish'd for y^e other, W^t goes by y^e name of Music here is very little more gratefull to my Ears yⁿ y^e screaching of a

¹ See note as to Dupin under the letter (*infra*) of Geo. West, dated 10 Mar. 1696/7.

² John Tillotson (1630-94), Archbishop of Canterbury.

Pigg, and I am ready to run away wⁿ our Fidlers begin to scrape on y^r Kits. I have You Know a sort of melancholy Instrument of my own y^t does recreate me a little sometime, but my Tunes are now grown old and Threadbare, and I am at a loss for more, except You'l be so Kind as to send me a few of y^r Newest by Burnyeats who is now in town. If You will oblige me so far perhaps I may requite You, if I come up again (as I have some thoughts) w^{thin} a year or two. You may direct y^m for me at Witherslack, near Kendale, and send y^m to Burnyeats, and y. will come safely to Y^r affectionate Friend T. B. Remember me Kindly to y^r good wife and brothers o'th' string.

Mr Batty¹ has now deserted Colton and gō y^t place is vacant, w^{ch} some wo'd have me to supply. Mr Armstrong² was speaking to me about it wⁿ I preach'd for him (Feb. 21) and on March y^e 3^d Sent me y^s y^t followes by Mr Millions.

Mr Brockbank, I told 2 or 3 Colton men I wo'd send to You to give y^m a sermon on Sunday come sennight, & am to send y^m word next Tuesday w^t You will please to do. I pray let me have y^r answer by y^s bearer, or by Monday next. John Walker of y^e hollow Oak invites You to lie at his house, if You think good to go thither on y^e Saturday, it is partly in y^r way and so is y^e house of S^r Y^r loving Friend John Armstrong. March 3^d 9th.

I sent him word I wo'd go to Colton y^e day he set me, but e'r y^e day came he sent me y^s y^t followes.

Sir these ar to Let you know as for next Sunday Churchwardens had provided one so y^t we would gladly have Mr Brockbanke to com on Sunday com Sennet we give You many thanks for youer care [?] I rest Youer most obliged sarvant John Walker. March y^e 9th.

John Walker sends me this note, and I pray You let me know next tuesday, y^t You will obsarve their day, not next Sunday, but y^e Sunday after, y^t is y^e 21st of this Month. I am y^r assured friend John Armstrong. March: 9th 9th.

I answered this in y^e following words

March y^e 12th 169^s. S^r. I receiv'd y^{rs} both of y^e 3^d and 9th instant, and do hereby give You hearty thanks for both; as also for all y^r other Kindnesses, w^{ch} y^e more undeserv'd they were, y^e more do they oblige me to perform w^t so ever You shall think fit for me to do: And therefore since You wo'd have me to obsarve the Colstoners day, I shall be ready (God willing) to give y^m a sermon on y^e 21st and in y^e mean time am, S^r, Y^r ob. F. & h.s. T. B.

¹ Henry Batty * became incumbent of Colton in 1694. (*V.C.H., Lancs.*)

² John Armstrong, B.D., became incumbent of Cartmel in 1665 and died in 1698.

I did as I promis'd, and on y^e 22^d met y^e sidesmen at Bowth¹ who wth one consent nominated me to serve at Coulton. On y^e 23 I received a small Packet from Oxon w^{ch} consisted of an Oxford Almanac and three Letters &c. The first as follows.

Q.C.O. March y^e 10th 169⁴ M^r Brockbanke I have dispos'd of y^r Money according to y^r Order, and rec'd acquittances in full of S^r Rob^t Harrison, and the Manciple of S^t Mary-Hall; M^r Cook made some scruple and to be quit of his Importunity I paid him 40^s and saw his book cross'd, so y^t he cannot, and promis'd faithfully y^t He will never trouble You, onely He desired me to send You y^e enclos'd, hoping y^t You will be Liberall. You may consider of it and use Y^r Pleasure. S^r Rob^t Harrison sayes y^t You are indebted to him 3^s but he will remitt it if You please. I have sent You an Oxford Almanac. My humble service to y^r good Father & Mother. I am Y^r affectionate Friend & Serv^t Edw. Bowness. My service to my Cozens.

The next Thus.

Oxford March 10th 169⁴. S^r I have return'd y^r Catalogue wth y^e lowest prices, some of y^m are very scarce and out of print, those few y^t I have not priz'd are not to be had. Du Pin² hath publish'd 9 Centuries of his Bibliotheque. All D^r Tillotsons workes y^t he publish'd himself are lately printed in folio & will cost 20^s and there are three Vol. in 8vo since his death and there will be a 4th out soon after Easter, they are 5^s each Volume. Those Bookes y^t I have put a cross before, I have by me, and y^e rest in some time I can get. So I shall be very ready to serve You in any thing I can, and will be all wayes, S^r, Y^r humble Servant Geo: West.

This is y^e catalogue.

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D ^r Hammond's works ³	.	.	.
†H. on y ^e New Test	.	.	.
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Hookers Eccles Polity ⁷	.	.	.
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	1	10	0
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¹ Or rather Bouth, a hamlet in the parish of Colton.

² Louis Ellies Dupin (1657-1719), Doctor of Sorbonne. The first volume of his *Bibliothèque universelle des Auteurs Ecclesiastiques* appeared in 1686; there were 58 in all. (*Nouveau Dictionnaire Historique* . . . par L. M. Chaudon et F. A. Delandine, 1804.)

³ Henry Hammond (1605-1660); his collected works were issued 1674-84; his *Paraphrase and Annotations on the New Testament* was published in 1653. (*D.N.B.*).

⁴ A book of religious instruction, very popular in the 17th century, but it is not certain who wrote it. (Information of Canon Wallis, of Whalley.)

⁵ By John Pearson (1613-86), Bishop of Chester. (*D.N.B.*)

⁶ Anthony Faringdon (1598-1658), sometime Vicar of Bray. (*D.N.B.*)

⁷ Richard Hooker (1554?-1600). (*D.N.B.*)

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Ἐρῆνικος *	0	14	0
†Bp. Andrewes Sermons ¹	0	10	0
Gruteri Polyantha	0	7	6
†Towerson &c ²	1	12	0
†Clagot agst Owen ³	0	6	6
Jewish Antiquities	0	2	6
†Kidder Messias ⁴	0	4	0
†Wilkins nat. Religion ⁵	0	5	0
Harmony Confest	0	6	6
Comber on Liturg. ⁶	0	2	6
Downhams Abstract ⁷	0	2	0
†Stil. Origines Sacrae ⁸	0	7	6
†Moore's Ethics ⁹	0	2	0
†Morall Essayes. 2.	0	9	0
†Scots X ^{an} Life ¹⁰	0	16	6
Glanvil, witch ¹¹	0	5	0
†Miltons 2 Parad. ¹²	1	0	0
†Evang. History	2	5	0
Sherlocks Vindic &c ¹³	0	4	6
†Walker Baptismus ¹⁴	0	2	6
†Episcopacy Sanders	0	1	4
†Sparrowes Rationale on c.p. ¹⁵	0	3	0

¹ Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626), Bishop of Winchester. (D.N.B.)

² Gabriel Towerson (1635 ?-1697). (D.N.B.)

³ William Clagett (1646-88). His book against Owen was published in 1677. (D.N.B.)

⁴ Richard Kidder (1633-1703) Bishop of Bath and Wells; his *Demonstration of the Messiah* was published in 1684. (D.N.B.)

⁵ John Wilkins (1614-72), Bishop of Chester; his work called *On the Principles and Duties of Natural Religion* was published in 1678. (D.N.B.)

⁶ Thomas Comber (1645-99), Dean of Durham; his work on the *Liturgies in the Christian Church* was published in 1690. (D.N.B.)

⁷ George Downham (d. 1624), Bishop of Derry; his *Abstract of . . . Duties . . . and Sinnes, etc.*, was published in 1620. (D.N.B.)

⁸ Edward Stillingfleet (1635-99), Bishop of Worcester; his *Origines Sacrae* was published 1662. (D.N.B.)

⁹ Henry More (1614-87); the full title of the work referred to is *Enchiridion Ethicum, praeicipua Moralis Philosophiae Rudimenta complectens, illustrata ut plurimum Veterum Monumentis, et ad Probitatem Vitæ perpetuo accommodata*, 1667. (D.N.B.)

¹⁰ John Scott (1639-95); *The Christian Life from its Beginning to its Consummation in Glory . . .* was published in 1681. (D.N.B.)

¹¹ Joseph Glanvill (1636-80); the full title of the work referred to is *Philosophical considerations touching Witches and Witchcraft*; it was published in 1666. (D.N.B.)

¹² John Milton (1608-74), author of *Paradise Lost* and *Paradise Regained*, etc., etc. (D.N.B.)

¹³ William Sherlock (1641 ?-1707); the *Vindication of the Doctrine of the Trinity* was published in 1690. (D.N.B.)

¹⁴ William Walker (1623-84) wrote *A Modest Plea for Infants' Baptism*, 1677, and *Βαπτισμῶν Διδαχή*, the *Doctrine of Baptisms*, 1678. (D.N.B.)

¹⁵ Anthony Sparrow (1612-85); his *Rationale upon the Book of Common Prayer* was published in 1657. (D.N.B.)

	£	s.	d.
†Luck Practicall christianity	0	3	6
†Burscoughs treatise of C. gover. ¹	0	3	0
†Souths Serms ²	0	10	0
Com [?] Conc. [?]	0	6	0
†Taylors life of Christ	1	5	0
†Ductor Dubitantium ³	1	2	0

The last Thus.

March y^e 10th 9⁵ from Oxon. Mr. Brookbank, S^r, I am sorry y^t you should think y^t I shuld impose upon You, if You please to give M^r Bowness order to inpett [?] inspect] my accounts, and what he shall think fit more yⁿ 40 shillings to be due to me, I Refferd it to him, w^t he shall think is due to me I hope You will not think to much to pay, as for you Journey w^{ch} you give an account of when I received y^e last 1^l 15^s 0^d shilling in Part I: I offerd You a Bottle of Wine, w^{ch} You yⁿ refusd saying let it alone till I make even wth You, now You make Deduction wⁿ You had y^e Smale Pox, w^{ch} never was done before, as for y^r Journey into y^e Noth You are alloud 6 months I doubt not but y^r account will appear to y^r satisfaction, w^{ch} is all at present from y^r Sarv^t Seymour Cooke.

	£	s.	d.
March 15, 9 ⁵ received	1	5	0
There was left	0	5	0
W ⁿ Batcheler	0	3	0 quarter
When Master	0	4	0 quarter

From Lady 9⁴ to July y^e 22, 95, wⁿ half quarter is 2^s

	£	s.	d.
w ⁿ 5 quarters is	1	0	0
& half quarter	0	2	0
For two periwiggs	1	10	0
	2	12	0

On Lady day Jo: Walker one of y^e sidesmen of Coulton brought me y^e following Letter sined by above 50 Parishioners, w^{ch} he wo^d have had me to have carried immediately to y^e Bishop.

May it please y^r Lordship, We y^e 12, y^e trustees & other Inhabitants of Colton Parish whose names are hereunto subscrib'd, do crave leave to signifie, y^t by M^r Armstrongs advice, we have obtain'd y^e consent of y^e Bearer hereof M^r T.B. to be our minister; and humbly intreat y^r Lordship to confirm our choice by y^r Licence & we shall ever remain y^r Lordships in all humble & gratefull duty & observance. March 25. 1697.

¹ Robert Burscough (1651-1709); his *Treatise on Church Government* . . . was published in 1692. (D.N.B.)

² Robert South (1634-1716), divine and preacher. (D.N.B.)

³ A Treatise on Cases of Conscience, by Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667), Bishop of Down and Connor; it was published in 1660. (D.N.B.)

I was somew^t indispos'd and not fit to take a Journey, wherefor I enclos'd y^s in a Letter of my own to y^e Bish^p as followes.

Witherslack near Kendale Mar 27. (97) My Lord, The Parishioners of Colton being at a want for a Minister, have thought fit upon M^r Armstrongs recommendation (and some little Knowledge they had of me themselves) to nominate me to serve y^m; and by y^e enclos'd do desire y^r Lords^{ps} Approbation and Licence, not onely y^t I may preach but also teach schole amongst y^m. If Y^r Lordship shall think fit to grant their request, I humbly begg to be assured thereof as soon as may be wth y^r Lordships convenience. And be pleas'd to Know y^t I intend (if it shall stand wth y^r Lordships good liking) to wait on y^r Lordship for Priests orders next ember week; and y^t (if some Illness had not hindred me) I wo'd in person have now waited on y^r Lordship wth y^e enclos'd, and to begg pardon for y^e frequent trouble y^t is put upon y^r Lordship by—

On y^e 28th M^r Batty seal'd a resignation to Colton, and preched y^e forenoon & I y^e After. On Good Friday my Fa: Supplied y^e place. On Easter day M^r Bulfield & I. I receiv'd y^s morning w^t followes from M^r Batty.

M^r Brockbank! Since not to disoblige my Reverend Neighbour and great Benefactour M^r Armstrong, I am willing to give way to y^r Access to so considerable a place as Colton is. And since y^e Rights of the Register book and all other dues do devolve upon You w^{ch} are my right in part, I desire You to pay upon my acct. 22^s to M^r Armstrong, and y^e same shall be acknowledg'd as full satisfaction for all rights and dues behind w^t ever! I am, S^r, Y^r afflicted Bro: to serve You Henry Batty. March y^e 30th 1697. If You pay not y^e Guinea to Dear M^r Armstrong y^r Friend I will sue for my right at my return from Ireland.

The 14 of April I received w^t followes from y^e Bishop.

S^r I received your letter yesterday wth a Petition enclos'd from y^e inhabitants of Colton. I wish You had told me, how and wⁿ the church of Colton became void; because when I was lately in London I receiv'd a letter from M^r Batty in w^h he desired leave to go this spring into Ireland in order to y^e getting of Some Money y^t was due to him from one Claughton (and if my Memory fail me not he told me he had y^e consent of his people) And to y^e end he might y^e more easily obtain my consent, he sent me a Petition in his behalf, subscribed by Severall of y^e Neighbouring clergy, who promis'd to supply his place during his absence. I cannot find his letter, but I have here sent You a copy of y^e Petition.* If this petition be not counterfeit, I do not understand how y^e church of Colton can yet become void: But if Batty be either dead, or hath left it, or is become so scandalous y^t he deserves to be ejected, I shall very readily and gladly grant You a Licence to serve y^t Cure; and I heartily wish for Your Sake, y^t y^e profits of it, were ten times more than they are. If You come next Ember week for Priests orders You shall be welcome. I remain, S^r, Y^r truly affectionate Friend N. Cestriens. Chester, April 3, 1697.

* The petition herewth sent me was as Followes.

To the Right Reverend Father in God L^d Bishop of Chester. Whereas our neighbouring Brother M^r Henry Batty Clerk lately admitted by y^r Lordship to y^e Cure at Coulton in Furness Fells & County of Lancaster wthin y^r Lordships Diocess, And as we believe hath given a generall satisfaction in his place, y^e Inhabitants having given sufficient Instances of their respects to him by assisting him wth considerable sums of Money towards y^e discharge of those great debts w^{ch} befell him by being bound wth his Relations, who died in King Williams service, and wth one Richard Claughton of Westmoreland, yeoman (but was living in Dublin in y^e Kingdom of Ireland) who now being in a Capacity to refund all or most part of y^e Money paid for him by y^e said M^r Batty. And y^e said M^r Batty being desirous y^s spring to go over into y^e Kingdom of Ireland upon y^e said Occasion, we therefore y^e neighbouring clergy whose names are subscrib'd (out of a deep sense of y^e troubles & losses the said M^r Batty hath sustained by suretyship & out of an hearty desire of his freedom) do humbly begg y^r Lordships leave for his said journey into Ireland. Assuring y^r Lordship y^t we shall be willing to supply his place till his return, and You will oblige y^e said sufferer and us ever to pray Dat. Jan. 21. 1697 Anth. Turner¹ vicar de Dalton. William Wells Vicar of Millom. James Mount² Vicar of Pennington. James Stubbs³ Minister of Satherthwaite. Ro: Crompton Rector of Whicham.⁴ James Moncaster⁵ Vicar of Kirkby. Tho: Inman * Curate of Aldingham.⁶

On y^e 2^d of May I gott y^e hands of 11 of y^e 12 to y^e following note.

To y^e right reverend F. in G. N. L: B^p of Chester. May it please y^r good Lordship. The bearer hereof M^r Tho: Brockbank, having inform'd us (y^e Trustees, sides-men, and other Inhabitants of y^e parish of Coulton, whose names are hereunto subscrib'd) y^t y^r Lordship was not fully satisfied y^t our Church is now void; we therefore crave leave to acquaint y^r Lordship y^t our late minister M^r Batty, hath left us wth a design not to return to us any more, as y^e said M^r Brockbank can ascertain. And since it hath pleas'd y^r Lordship to shew a willingness to concur wth us in our choice, we humbly begg of y^r Lordship to licence y^e s^d bearer M^r Tho: Brockbank to our Church and schole, and also to ordain him Priest, y^t we may not have to seek to another Parish as formerly for one to administer y^e Sacrament &c and y^r Petitioners shall ever pray &c Dat. may 2^d 1697. Tho:

¹ Anthony Turner was appointed Vicar of Dalton (in Furness) in 1663, and d. 1707. (V.C.H.) Dalton is 3 miles N. of Barrow.

² Appointed 11 Aug. 1680; d. 1714. Pennington is 1½ miles S.W. of Ulverston. (V.C.H.)

³ Appointed about 1677. (V.C.H.) He was buried 1702. Satterthwaite lies between Coniston Water and Windermere.

⁴ Whicham, a par. in Cumberland, 6 miles S.W. of Broughton in Furness.

⁵ James Muncaster became Vicar of Kirkby Ireleth, 1 Dec. 1680; his successor Thomas Holme was instituted, 1727. (V.C.H.) Kirkby Ireleth is 4½ miles N.W. of Ulverston.

⁶ Aldingham is 5 miles N.E. of Barrow. Thomas Tullie was Vicar, 1694-1727. but was an absentee most of the time.

Chapman. John Walker. Rob^t. Burton. Jos. Penington. Richard Taylor. John Newby. James Penny. John Scales. Wil. Strickland. James Scotson. Jo. Chamney. Jo. Robinson. Will: Hodson. Rich. Dodson. Myles Postlethwaite. Rob. Rowson.

On y^e 15th of May, I gott M^r Armstrong to write two Lines to y^e Bis^p as Followes.

My Lord. Having gotten a good riddence of a notoriously Scandalous Neighbour, we heartily recommend to y^r Lordship y^s Bearer M^r Brockbank, w^m we judge in our Consciences to be sufficiently qualified to be first admitted into priests Orders, and next into Coulton Church, witness our hands. John Armstrong. John Heblethwaite curate of Crosthwaite. Jo. Brockbanke. Curate of Witherslack. May 15 (97).

This and a Resignation sign'd and seal'd by M^r Batty himself I show'd to y^e Bishop y^e 27th of May. W^{ch} was esteem'd sufficient Testimonial for orders, and enough to prove a vacancy at Colton. And thereupon I was ordain'd Priest on Trinity Sunday [*in margin* May 30], and had Licence y^e Next day for Colton being y^e 31st.¹ The 6th of June Rob^t Taylor of Stot-park desir'd me to write on his behalf to M^r Lambert, because he was not at Ulverston y^e 2^d to be sworn to his office w^{ch} I did as followes

Colton June y^e 11th. 97. S^r, Rob^t Taylor one of our Churchwardens elect for y^e parish of Colton desir'd me to give you y^e trouble of y^s y^t You might know he did not wilfully absent himself from y^r Court Kept at Ulverston on y^e 2^d instant. He tells me (and I thinke he is sincere) y^t y^e day on w^{ch} notice was given of y^e Court he was oblig'd to be at an other place, and being wrong inform'd of y^e day whereon 'twas to be Kept, he pleads ignorance for his excuse, and humbly desires You, to shew him w^t Favour You can ; By obliging him You will allso oblige S^r Y^r Friend &c. T.B.

This I enclos'd in y^s y^t followes to Rob^t Coward.

M^r Coward I desire You to send me a hat by y^s Bearer of about a guinea price, if you have any such You can recommend to a Friend as Fashionable and good, wth a band suitable to my office. Let me Know y^e lowest rate, y^t I may either return You money or hat again : I likewise desire to Know whether You will please to take Scotch Money by count. Pray give my service to M^{rs} C. and all Friends, and convey y^e enclos'd to brother Lambert, and by so doing You will oblige y^r f. T.B.

In answer to y^s I receiv'd w^t Followes by Tom Tirly.

Kendall Ja. 12^o. 97. S^r I have sent You as under, whether You dislike You may return, I have sent two for fear I might have sent You either too large or too little ; They are right good ware, and undoubtedly will prove

¹ Mr. Brockbank's name is not included in the list of incumbents of Colton, given in *V.C.H. Lancs.*, Vol. 8., p. 386.

in y^e wear ; when further occasion requires may assure y^r self of good usage from. S^r, Y^r obliged Frd and serv^t Rob^t Court.

2 fine Beverets at 20^s pr : 1 Parsons band at 2^s. As for Scotch money p tale it neither will pass here nor any of our Neighbouring Towns.

On y^e nineteenth following I writ to my Father.

Colton June y^e 19th (97). S^r If You have any store of money I wo'd desire my Mother to pay Rob^t Court for a hat he has sent me (for w^{ch} wth y^e band he tells me he must have 22^s. perhaps he may abate somew^t) & I shall repay You when Money comes to my hand. I desire You also to send my bookes as soon as You can conveniently, for I do oft want some of y^m. and the rest are as fit to be where I am as catching dust where y. stand ; If any of y^m be of use to You or my Mother You may stil Keep y^m. Last Tuesday the whole Family of Connyside (except y^e youngest child) was at White-stock-hall, where M^{dam} Braddyll sent me word to meet y^m. And on Weddensday M^r Swainson of Urswick wth one Petty, M^r Wildman and M^r Edmondson of Ulverston came to see me, and staid wth me till towards night. Pray give my Love and Service to all Friends, and my duty to my Mother and accept y^e same From S^r Y^r dutifull son and humble serv^t T.B.

This was answered y^e 28th as followes

Son Thomas. I have onely Kept one of y^r bookes Lucius Flores english, and my Robinson Hebrew Grammar. Your Mother hath taken up 9 or 10, and the rest You have here sent. Y^r Mother discours'd Robert Court about your hatt, and would have paid him for it if he would have abated 4. 5 shilling of y^e price y^t he had set on it, but he would not abate above 6^d : but for time he matter'd not for two or three months. This is all wth our blessing and prayers from y^r P. John Brockbanke, Mary Brockbanke. Witherslack, June 28th 1697.

This was next w^{ch} my Landlady brought me from Ulverstone

Ulverstone July the 8. 97. S^r, I desire You to be so Kind as to come and give my Parishō : a sermon on Sunday next at Ulverston And I God willing will officiate for You at Coulton, y^s my request I hope You will grant & thereby oblige S^r Y^r humble Serv^t Tho: Wildman Cūr de Ulverston.

To y^s I return'd :

Colton July 9th (97). S^r, I desire to be excus'd for next Sunday, but if next after may be as convenient for You to come to Colton I shall not (God willing) fail on y^t day to supply y^r place at Ulverstone : If I hear nothing from You to y^e contrary I shall conclude y^t you agree to y^s proposall. I am S^r Y^r affectionate Bro^r T.B. My service to y^r Family & all Friends.

I having called y^e Parishioners sometimes together to chuse sidesmen, and all means proving ineffectuall, I resolv'd to write to y^e Commissary, w^{ch} I did as followes. For M^r Lambert at his office in Kendale.

Colton Aug. 20th 97. S^r, Y^r Advice and assistance is much desired to compose some differences in y^s Parish, about our Sidesmen. Here has been usually (I am inform'd) twelve such who took Accompts of Officers &c : but at my coming hither I found none save 2 onely y^t had ever been sworn ; but besides these we have 12 or 14 others y^t will needs be called so. I have endeavoured to have had y^s business adjusted, and to y^s end have 3 severall times called y^e Parishioners together, but all to no purpose. Some are for 24 to be like our neighbouring parishes ; others (who have y^e name and wo'd hope y^e power in their own hands) are for 12, and I am for any number to have a settlement ; And $\overline{g}o$ begg of You to be informed w^t to do more in y^s matter. I am perswaded we shall never all be of one mind, w^{ch} makes me think it most convenient, y^t y^e Ordinary do Issue out an order wth w^t names he pleases ; or, because he may not Know who in y^e Parish is fit to serve it, to appoint some (as y^e 2 old sidesmen, y^e 4 churchwardens, or some 2 or 3 of y^e chief men amongst us by name, &c) to nominate whom they shall think y^e fittest persons for a publique good. I earnestly desire y^r answer and assistance, w^{ch} wo'd much oblige, S^r y^r unknown friend and serv^t T.B.

This I sent away by Geo: Cowhird on Friday, and on Sunday I received y^s from him.

Kendall 21^o. Aug: 97. M^r Brockbank, If You please to meet me at M^r Mayor's at Lancaster next Friday I shall give You my Thoughts of y^e Case y^u state relating to y^r sidesmen, who sho'd all be sworn if they Act any thing wth y^e Churchwardens in parochial matters relating to y^e church. I am now taking horse for Appleby Assizes so you must pardon haste in S^r y^r humble serv^t Jos: Lambert.

I had no great mind to cross y^e sands and $\overline{g}o$ staid at home. On S^t Mathew day I receiv'd y^s.

M^r Brockbank Pray yⁿ be pleased to give notice on Sunday next in y^r Church of Colton, y^t I intend to receive the Bloomsmythy rents, and other Rents due to my Lord Mountague ¹ at Hawkeshead on Monday y^e fourth day of October next When and Where, I hope y^e Tenants will comply wth ready payment. I am S^r, Y^r obliged friend W^m Simpson. Flookburgh ² 7^{br} 20th (97).

At Boweth Fair w^{ch} was on y^e 9th of October I happen'd to cheap a piece of Cloth y^t belong'd to y^e stooting Scot, but not agreeing wth him for y^e price, he told me he wo'd send me a piece or two, w^{ch} he did wth this following Letter, verbatim.

Hauxhead October y^e 11th. 97 M^r Brookbank, these few lines is to acquaint You, y^t I have sent you two pieces of cloth, and as good penny-

¹ Ralph, 3rd Lord Montague of Boughton (later Earl and Duke of Montagu), mar. for his 2nd wife Elizabeth, widow of Christopher Monk, 2nd Duke of Albemarle and thus acquired the Lordship of Furness, which had been granted to George, 1st Duke of Albemarle by Charles II. (*West's History of Furness*.)

² A hamlet in the par. of Cartmel.

worths as you shall buy wthin 20 Mills thee pris of y^e one peic is 13 penc the yard, and y^e price of the other is 12 penc y^e yard for there is Eleven yards of the one and nyne yards of the other, and you must send this wrapper to Richard Rownsons of the Roding y^r Lands lords Brothers. Noe mor at present but I shall call at y^r quarters upon Friday as I com buy no mor at present but Rest yowes John Wright.

Mary Pennington being to go thro Witherslack, I writ this wth her.

Colton Nov^r y^e 13th (97). Dear Father and Mother, The Bearer being to pass near y^r house and willing to take y^e trouble of a letter, I thought it little enough if I tooke y^e trouble of writing one, not doubting but you wo'd take y^e trouble to read it: These troubles therefore laid aside, there was one wth troubled me most of all, and y^t was how to write. Sho'd I tell You I am very well I sho'd ly; or sho'd I say I am very sick I sho'd not speak truely: But y^s I may safely say I am now better yⁿ lately I have been, yet not so well as sometime. I hear of my Tutors death (I suppose from y^r Lips) and cannot but be sorry: He and I had some small fallings out, but Amantium Irae &c. I think our love was sound at y^e bottom: His intentions were (so far as was perceivable) allways honest, but not allways happy: He was no more yⁿ Man, and so his death hath proved him to be. I am about letting Cowridding for some yeares, and wo'd you (S^r) do so much as send me a specimen of Articles or Indenture &c. perhaps I might make hard shift to save clerkes fees and wth the same opportunity You may (if You wo'd have me to come over at Christmas) please to let me know about w^t time. On Tuesday sennight I dinn'd wth y^e Commissary at Ulverston being invited by M^r Rose. Yesterday fortnight I was at a sale at Ashlack. On Tuesday before at Lendrin. I have got a new coat on my back since I saw You, and covered once again my Morning gown. This day we are to have a wedding — [2 words illegible]. I am.

M^r Myles¹ desiring me to write in his behalf to y^e Inhabitants of Cartmell fell, I did so as followes.

Colton Dec. 4 (97). Gentlemen, Y^r present want of a fit person to Serve at y^r Chappell as Reader and scholemaster, makes me believe y^t y^e bearer M^r Wil. Myles may meet wth good Acceptance of his Service w^{ch} he offers You. Of his conversation and manner of life, I can of my own particular knowledge, give no great account as having but lately had any acquaintance wth him; but report sayes it has been civil & honest. As for his other Qualifications I shall not presume to say anything positively, but leave y^m to the tryall of those whose learning and experience have made y^m Competent Judges in such cases: Only this y^t his diligence and care have much encreased y^e number of Schollers at Blawith² and wo'd

¹ Mr. Myles was successful, for, as appears from a letter to him dated between 30 May, 1698, and the following 4 August, he is invited to publish banns (*vide infra*). He is not, however, mentioned in *V.C.H. Lancs.* among the incumbents of Cartmel Fell Chapel.

² Blawith is about 6 miles N. of Ulverston.

(I doubt not) do y^e like in y^e Fell, where diligence and care have I think been wanting in him who sho'd (chiefly) have instructed y^e children. If y^s person shall be y^r choice, I wish his performances may exceed both y^r hopes and mine : or if You pitch upon an other I wish he may prove 10 times better. I am, Gentlemen, Y^r sincere obliged friend & humble Serv^t T.B.

About y^e 18th of January I paid a visit to my Friends at Conyshead and staid there three Nights, and at my return I brought along wth me the Inscriptions mention'd page y^e 133^d 1 w^{ch} I was to correct and fit for a stone, as followes (see p. 125).

These I enclosed in y^e following Letter To M^r J. Braddyll at Conyside.

Colton Jan. 27. 1697. S^r. The very little skill I have in composing Epitaphs makes me fear y^t neither of these two Inscriptions (herewith presented You), is strong enough to abide y^e severe Eyes of morose Critics. I am sensible of faults in both, of flaws and Knots, w^{ch} sho'd be polish'd off by some more cunning hand yⁿ mine : Or were the whole new moulded by a curious Artist, no doubt 'two'd add y^e greater grace, to the memory of y^e deceased. I confess y^s is a poor return for y^e many favours receiv'd by me from You, (Sr) and y^r Family, yet all y^t I am able to make, except a gratefull acknowledgement of y^m, and an unfeigned Assurance of my humblest service : Ambitious to subscribe my Self, S^r, Y^r much obliged Friend & humble Serv^t.

These I sent to Ulverstone wth my Land-lord, and on y^e day following (y^e 28 of June) I received this note from my Father.

Loving son, I pray seek among y^r bookes for my Hicks Dialogues w^{ch} is a discourse by way of Dialogue between a Minister and a Quaker, and send it to me by this bearer. I would have it for Ja. Kellet. Y^r Mother hath sent you 2 shirts, a pair of Socks, 2 Candles and other things w^{ch} you order'd. This wth our prayers and blessing from y^r Parents. J. M. B. Witherslack Ja. 28. 97.

This y^t followes I writ y^e 11th of March, to make way for some other Letters. For M^r Wil. Scot A.M. or in his absence M^r F. Thompson² M.A. in Q.C. Oxon.

Colton March y^e 11th 97. S^r. Since my Tutors death I co'd think of none in y^e Coll y^t I durst presume to trouble wth a line now and then, and wth y^e little concerns y^t I have or may have at Oxon, but onely You, wth whom I heartily desire a Correspondence, & allso y^r assistance in procuring for me some bookes, and other things y^t I want, this trouble if You will be pleased to take upon You, I shall (God willing) y^e next return of y^e

¹ i.e. of the MS. See above just before his letter to Mrs. Dodding, dated 1 Sept. 1696 ; p. 108.

² Francis Thompson, son of John T., of Bolton, Westmoreland : matric. Queen's Coll. 2 July, 1683, aged 17 ; B.A. 22 Mar. 1688-89 ; M.A. 1692 ; Rector of Brough-under-Stainmore, Westmoreland, 1705 (Foster).

M.S.

Vir primævæ pietatis
 Milo Dodding de Conishead Armiger
 Natu, indole, educatione generosus
 ad pacis custodiam primò
 deinde ad comitatus Lancastriæ
 vice præfecturatum erat meritò evectus :
 post res tandem satis arduas
 summo studio feliciter gestas
 cum lacrymis et luctibus Patriæ
 Mortalitatis suæ deposuit Exuvias
 xij Kal Maji A. {D. mdclxxxij.
 {Ætat. xlij.

Vis cœtera ?

Non marmor sed Cœlū petas.
 et qualis hîc vixerit ibi discas.
 Hoc Amoris testimonium erexit Margareta Vidua
 quæ (cum filiâ Sarâ Familiæ spe unicâ et herede)
 mortem Conjugis, filii Willielmi, filiæque Agnetæ
 adhuc etiam deflet immaturam.

M.S.

Pacis nuper Vigilantissimus Custos
 et Comitatus Lancastriæ Vice-Præfectus
 Milo Dodding de Conishead Armiger,
 non procul hinc
 in pulverem redactus jacet :
 Vir (dum vivebat) vere Christianus,
 Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ filius fidelis,
 Patriæ et familiæ sollicitus Pater,
 Omnibus benignus, æquus, affabilis,
 Ab omnibus amatus, laudatus, desideratus
 Sed eheu !
 Omnes dolentes, moerentes, lachrymantes,
 lugentem prae coeteris Willielmum filium
 filiamque Agnetam (ipsos jam lugendos)
 lugentem Saram (nunc superstitem unicâ et heredem
 lugentem Margaretam conjugem charissimam
 inopinatâ morte reliquit decimo nono
 die Aprilis A.D. m.d.c.l.xxxij
 A. Ætat. xlij.

1698

Carrier, send money and directions, how you may dispose of it. I Know not whether y^s will come to y^e Carriers hands e'r he leave Kendall, but if it come to y^{rs} I begg of You to send by him (or otherwise) a line or two in answer to this, and (if You will oblige me so much) two Oxford Almanacs, directed to me at Colton, to be left at M^r Robert Cowhirds shop in Kendale. I sho'd be glad to hear of y^e affairs of y^r Coll. and Town, and any thing from You will very much oblige, S^r, Y^r sincere friend and humble serv^t T.B.

I receiv'd an answer to y^s on Easter Tuesday being y^e 26 of April.

Queens Coll. Oxon. April 4, 1698. S^r Y^r Kind Letter came safely to our hands here at Oxford, and it wo'd be no small piece of Incivility in us to neglect y^s opportunity of giving You a suitable answer. We are mighty ambitious of Keeping a correspondence wth You, and wo'd long e'r this have shown our readiness herein, if we had had y^e least Knowledge of y^r country and y^e place of y^r abode. W^t bookes You have a mind for here, pray signify in a letter either to me or M^r Thompson, and you shall not fail of receiving y^m at our Carriers Return into y^r Country; but y^e 2 Oxford Almanacs You write for, cannot be procur'd you at y^s time by reason of y^{tr} scarcity, none being to be had for money, in y^e town, and Gentlemen y^t have y^m are unwilling to part wth y^m; You must be content to stay till next Michimass, and yⁿ You may expect w^{thout} fail a coat of a new cut for y^e next year. W^t occurrences and revels have happened here since You left us, are more yⁿ y^e scrap of paper will contain, so of necessity you must receive at present only a part for y^e whole. The last thursday we had an election for fellows and Tabs. & M^r Atkinson¹ M^r Smith thô now at y^e Hague, & M^r Thwaites² succeeded, as Fellows and only Bird Sen^r³ and you Tabs. D^s Pennington⁴ takes his degree this term to give room for an actual Tab. but all y^e rest are not to be admitted till Founders⁵ day. M^r Grisdale⁶ You've heard is upon his year of Grace, having married a great fortune in London. And M^r

¹ Probably identical with John A., son of John A. of Appleby, who matric. Queen's Coll. 2 Mar. 1687-88, aged 18; B.A. 1693; M.A. 1696; Vicar of Kirkby Stephen, 1700; Preb. of Carlisle, 1702; Rector of Brougham, 1708 (Foster).

² Probably identical with Edward T., son of William T. of Crosby Ravenworth, Westmoreland, who matric. at Queen's Coll. 22 Oct. 1689, aged 18; B.A. 1694; M.A. 1697; Fellow 1698; *d.* 1711 (Foster).

³ Probably Henry, son of James Bird of Brougham, Westmoreland; matric. Queen's Coll. 11 Feb. 1692-93, aged 16; B.A. 1698; Fellow, M.A. 1700. He had a younger brother Emanuel (matric. 1695) (Foster).

⁴ (Sir) Joseph Pennington, son of William P. of Muncaster, Cumberland, bart.; matric. Queen's Coll. 4 June, 1695, aged 17; 2nd bart.; M.P. for Cumberland, 1734-44; *d.* 3 Dec. 1744.

⁵ The founder of Queen's Coll. was Robert de Eglesfield, Rector of Brough, Westmoreland, and Confessor to Queen Philippa. He founded it in 1340 and died in 1349, and it was for the special benefit of natives of Cumberland and Westmoreland. (Chalmer's *History of the University of Oxford*.)

⁶ Robert, son of Thomas Grisdale of "Crostormount in Barton," Westmoreland; matric. Queen's Coll. 23 May, 1683, aged 19; B.A. 22 Mar. 1688-89; M.A. 1692; licensed 29 Oct. 1697 to marry Phoebe King of St. Martins-in-the-Fields (Foster).

Yates¹ y. say is much inclined to follow his example. Time and paper will not suffer me to give You any more newes but on other opportunity I promise You to make you full satisfaction : in y^e interim give my leave to subscribe myself in all sincerity, Y^r affectionate Friend and humble serv^t William Scott. M^r Thompson and y^e rest of y^r familiars give y^r humble Service to You. Pray excuse y^e faults of w^t was done in haste.

The same day I receiv'd an other from Oxon as followes.

Oxon P^r [sic] y^e 18th. 98. S^r. M^r Treadwell (as he now sayes) received a Letter from You about $\frac{1}{2}$ a year since, y^r business was particular to him, but amongst other things you mentioned a desire to live an University Life. We are at y^e present destitute of a vice principall, if you think fit to accept I desire a word from You wth w^t speed may be. Our Principall put M^r Whitehall off $\frac{1}{2}$ a year since, the reasons chiefly for neglect, and to add to it more his great familiarity wth his bedmaker (Keckwood) w^m he hath since married. He hath set up his statiō at New In hall, and hath made it his business to injure our house w^t possibly he can, and hath perswaded some to go wth him thither, yet we have all this time eight undergraduates and three Batchelours resident, w^{ch} our Principall takes diligent care of. The University in generall is very full, and had we Y^{rs} or some other Gentlemens care and Industry, I doubt not att all but we sho'd partake wth them. Our Principall designs to write to You, but I desire in y^e mean time Y^r answer to y^r humble Serv^t Rich: Shelton.

On Wednesday y^e 27th of Apr. I receiv'd in y^e morning six little books entituled Advice to Young persons &c in a paper superscrib'd 'For M^r Brockbank Minister of Colton this.' Inclosed was a note whose contents was thus :—

M^r Brockbank You may please to dispose of these 6 little bookes if You think y. may do most good ; they were sent to me by M^r Shaw² of Warrington Kings Preacher to y^t purpose. I am y^r loving Friend & brother John Armstrong. Cartmell, Apr. 24th (98). Pray tell Me at Visitation whether You have received y^m or no.

I answer'd Rich. Sheltons Letter as followes

Colton, May y^e 4th (98). M^r Shelton, Y^{rs} I receiv'd last week, but co'd not conveniently return an answer e'r y^s, and yet I Know not well w^t answer to make You, more yⁿ of thanks for y^r remembering, and good opinion of me, as thinking me not altogether unfit to be y^r Vice-Principall. Truly I sho'd be very ambitious of succeeding M^r Whitehall (not as it were any great thing to obtain y^t post w^{ch} a man of his irregular Conduct was ever fit to manage, but) y^t I might, If I were able, by a diligent Care encrease y^e number of Schollars in y^e house. And allso enjoy y^e much de-

¹ Thomas Yate son of Richard, of Morland, Westmoreland ; matric. Queen's Coll. 20 Mar. 1683-84, aged 19. B.A. 22 ; mar. 1688-99 ; M.A. 1692 ; D.D. 1708 ; Rector of Charlton-upon-Otmoor, Oxon. 1704 (Foster).

² Samuel Shawe was made Rector of Warrington, 10 Jan. 1690-91, and died 1719. He was appointed a " King's Preacher " in 1682. (V.C.H.)

sired society of my Friends at Oxon. especially of y^r learned ingenious Principall (to w^m pray give my most humble service). I do not wonder at M^r White-halls follies ; I have but too much Knowledge of him my self. 'Twas he (partly) y^t caused me to leave You, wⁿ I did, and as I did, & 'twas he y^t enticed me to frequent y^e Ale houses, and yⁿ plaid y^e part of y^e Devil wth me, first tempted into sin, and yⁿ accused : I forgive him, and pray to God to forgive both him and me. At present I officiate at a Parochiall Chappell in y^e North parts of Lanc. called Colton, and (I think) have y^e love of my Parishioners. I have a Known Sallary well paid, and to leave y^t for an uncertainty wo'd not be prudence. And besides I Know not whether my Parents wo'd be willing y^t I sho'd again go so far from y^m. However I do still retain a very good will to an University life ; and had I but y^e assurance of 40^l per annum, or w^t wo'd handsomly maintain me, for my own part I sho'd be as willing to begin a journey for Oxon as ever I was. Give my Service to all Friends and accept y^e same wth Kind love and respects from y^r Sincere friend T.B.

I answer'd M^r Scots thus.

S^r Y^r Letter (for w^{ch} I give You many thanks) at last found me out buried, as it were, among Rocks and Mountaines, & wrought a Kind of Miracle, raising me (in Phancy) from among y^e herd of ignorant Ninevites, y^t scarce Know their right hand from y^r left, to y^e Noble Stoa, or Porticu[s] (rather) of y^e Academies, Country diversions can by no means make me forget y^e pleasures of y^e City, and I cannot but liken my self to some beautiful Lady forced by her Friend (Relations I mean) to marry a rustic clown for some fair fields sake, and to forgo her well accomplish'd Gentle Lover : The Brute may Keep her body, but her mind will oft be creating a Commandment wth her Gallant : even thus y^s Fagg end of y^e World has got and Keeps possession of my body, but my desires oft ramble as far as Oxon : I Know not wⁿ to hope for a Divorce, but it may be I shall be delivered e'r long : and then (as a stone to y^e Earth), I shall straightway tend towards y^e desired Center. However I think I must trouble You wⁿ Burnyeates goes up again, and in y^e mean time I desire you to give my Service to all Friends, particularly to Mad^m Lowther, M^r Thompson, M^r Sympson &c. not forgetting to reserve a share for y^r Self, for I am mightily pleased wth y^e Title of, S^r, Y^r obliged Serv^t. T.B.

These two I sent to gether, and a day or two before y^s to M^r Jo. Moncaster Vicar of Kirby.

May y^e 1st (98). S^r. If y^r Serious & weighty affairs will allow You two minutes to answer a bold request, I do earnestly begg of You to let me Know whether Jo: Walker of y^e Yew-yate in Haverth¹ was lately married by You, as he gives it out he was : If it be as he sayes, pray let me Know y^e day, y^t I may register his marriage here (if y^t be necessary) and also w^t is my due, since he left me to employ an other. Be pleased to pardon this trouble from me who is not well skilled in matters of y^s

¹ Haverthwaite, a village, etc., 7½ miles N.E. of Ulverston.

nature, and to accept into y^e number of y^r friends, (Reverend Sir) Y^r very humble servant T.B.

This was given me by an unknown hand as I was going for Bouthie.

Staveley June y^e 11th 1698 Reverend S^r. I desire You in all Kindness y^t You would be pleased to take y^e trouble to come to preach att our Chappell on Sunday sennet either y^e forenoon or after. Yet some of our neighbours had rather have the Sermons on y^e forenoon & for so doing I shall give You as heretofore. pray send me two lines from Booth wth any y^t I may give notice in y^s chappel. Pray fail not to write. w^{ch} to do will very much oblige y^r humble & obliged serv^t Edmund Law.

I return'd for answer y^t y^e forenoon I co'd [not] well leave my flock but if y^e Afternoon's Sermon wo'd be acceptable yⁿ I did intend God willing to wait upon y^m.

By y^e Oxford Carrier I writ as followes.—To M^r Scot A.M. & F. of Q.C.

Kendal June y^e 25th 98. S^r I have sent You by Burnyeates 4^l (and pd him for Carriage) in disbursing whereof I must desire You to take a great deal of trouble, and to do me so much honours as to remember me wth y^r Friend and mine over a bottle or 2 of sack wⁿ y^r convenience will allow it. The rest of y^e money I wo'd have expended on 2 second handed gowns, or gown and cassoc wth a studying gown and girdle, as also 2 fashionable bands, and 12 barbers balls, in procuring of w^{ch} you may employ Ned Holloway or w^m els you please. I thought to have writt for some books, but I met wth a bargain lately, w^{ch} will find me employ for some time. I had an invitation not long ago to Oxon, to be Vice Principall of S^t Mary-hall, but I remembred y^e old Proverb one bird—I doubt not y^t house is allmost desolate, & I had as good preach twice every Sunday, and teach Schole for 30^l or 40^l per annum, as to come thither to starve wth honour. However I still desire to hear of y^r affaires at Oxon, & amongst other things, you may tell me whether M^r Wilson be still on y^e foundation, or if he hath left You w^t was y^e cause. Our B^p is a talking of putting me out of my place, to put me into another of some—I Know not how much a year, but at present I am a poor Curate w^{thout} a patron, and have enough to do every day in y^e week from morning till night. If you be anything charitably dispos'd at Oxon, You might assist a poor man wth some contributions of old practicall *[torn away here]*¹ . . . such as I presume M^r Bowness' executor is not wth out a stock lying mouldering by him. I begg of You to pardon y^s trouble, and sometime to honour me wth a line, and thereby proceed to oblige, S^r, Y^r humble Serv^t T.B. I desire my service may be equally divided amongst my friends in particular as is named. You may direct y^{rs} for me at Colton to be left wth M^r Cowhird in Kendall.

¹ ? Sermons.

On y^e 30th I received a note from M^r Wildman who Informe'd me y^t M^r Marsden¹ desired me to meet him on y^e morrow about 8^e of y^e clock at Ja: Woodburns. I did so. I writ these following Billets.

Colton July y^e 6th, M^r Cowhird, I desire You to send by y^s bearer Tho: Saterthwaite those bookes, cloth &c. which have been troublesome by You ever since I was at Kendall: and also direct him to Beck y^e wig maker, and in so doing You will oblige Y^r sincere friend T.B. My service to M^{rs} Cowhird and all Friends.

To M^r Ormrod living in Kirkland, to be left wth M^r Rob^t Cowhird.

Colton July 22. M^r Ormrod. If You have not parted wth y^t Goodwins antiquities, I had some mind of wⁿ I was wth you, You may Keep it for me, and I shall either come or send for it, and those other bookes you are to procure me, so soon as You shall let me Know y^t they are come to y^r hand. And I wo'd have You to let me Know y^e price of each, y^t if I send I may Know w^t money to send. You may direct y^{rs} to me at Colton, and M^r Cowhird (I doubt not) if You cannot will find a Messenger to send it by. Give my service to M^r Jefferson and other friends: I am Y^{rs} T.B.

This I enclosed in y^e following one—To Agnes Robinson at Fins-thwaite.

Colton July 24 Cosin Robinson, I desire you, if you are for Kendall on Saturday, to deliver y^s letter as directed; and also to go to Beck y^e wig maker (he lives at y^e King's Arms) and desire him to send my Wig by You. If You be well stock'd wth money you may please to pay him for it about 7^s and desire him to send [torn here] powder. I sho'd have sent you money but y^e bearer [torn here]

M^r Ormrod sent me some books wth this note.

S^r. I writ for y^e Concordance and cases of y^e L. Divines: y^e first is just now put into y^e press to be reprinted, wth large additions, so y^t my correspondent durst not send y^e other w^{ch} I promised at 13^s. tho' if You will have it I'll send again for it. The Latter, he tells me, are so scarce its not to be met wth under a guinea: but I have send the Hopkinsons at

¹ Thomas Marsden (apparently son of Robert Marsden, incumbent of Clitheroe) is said to have been born at Clitheroe, 21 Dec. 1637; matric. Brasenose Coll. 20 July, 1654; B.A. 9 Feb. 1657-58; M.A. 4 July, 1661. Said to be B.D. Cambridge; Master of Clitheroe Grammar School, 1662; Master of the great school at Chester; holy day preacher to the Dean and Chapter of Chester; Curate of Dodleston, Cheshire; Chaplain to the English Merchants at Lisbon; Vicar of Walton on the Hill, 1665-1720; one of the King's preachers in the County of Lancaster; Chaplain to George Hale, Bishop of Chester (? 1612-68); d. 25th Apr. 1720, said to be aged 88. He was author of *Roman Catholics uncertain whether there be any True Priests or Sacraments in the Church of Rome; evinced by an argument urg'd and maintain'd (upon their own Principles) against M^r. Edward Goodall of Prescott in Lancashire*. By Thomas Marsden, Vicar of Walton in the same County. The Treatise divided into Two parts. The first being Explicative of Terms. The second Argumentative. London: printed for Walter Kettelby, at the Bishop's Head in St. Paul's Churchyard, MDCLXXXVIII (Foster, and Clitheroe in the 17th Century, by W. S. Weeks, F.S.A.).

13^s w^{ch} is really too cheap, y^e Ladies calling at 5^s w^t You please to order I'l endeavour to get, and if you have a little patience I may perhaps light of y^e others in y^e Country at a much easier price. Wⁿ You send money for these, send it to my own hands. S^r Y^{rs} Val: Ormerod. Kirkland July y^e 22. 98.

This was next.

Bigland ¹ y^e 24 Julij 1698

S^r. These comes to request one Kindness, w^{ch} is I and my wifes Joyt [*sic*] desires to You, that You would please to be a witness to our Son, w^{ch} we intend to Christen on Thursday next. y^r Partners will be brother William Wilson and Cozen Phillipson Daughter of hayrigg; S^r I hope You will pardon this Freedom I tooke, and desires You would make use of y^r friend wherin I or mine may be serviceable to You, w^{ch} you may command. I and my wife gives our service to You desires a line or two by y^e bearer. W^{ch} is all from y^r friend and servant Tho: Bigland.—vera copia.

This I answered,

Colton July y^e 25th 98. M^r Bigland, I have allwayes looked upon y^e charge y^t lies upon y^e Godfather to be so great y^t hitherto I have studeously avoided to take it upon me, as thinking my self not so fit for it as others; not but y^t I think I sho'd as conscientiously do my duty herein, as some who have undertaken it, but bec[ause] I have been a sort of a wanderer hitherto, and upon y^t account not likely to see any children instructed and brought up in Christianity: And thô I may never seem to be settled, yet e'r y^r Son be grown up to such discretion as may fit him for y^e imbibing of y^e principles of Religion and good manners, 'tis probable y^t I may be removed hence and not in a capacity to y^e least care over him. I wo'd not have You (Sir) by w^t I have said to imagine y^t I at all doubt y^r care for y^r Sons welfare either [*torn here*] or a better life: but y^r care wo'd [*torn here*] if I sho'd take y^e charge upon me. I do earnestly beg to be excused, and gō do desire You to think upon some other more likely to have an inspection upon y^e growing age of y^r Son; But after all if you and y^r wife (to w^m pray give my service) do very earnestly desire it, and can meet wth no more fit person in y^e interim you may please to take y^e trouble of writing 2 lines more to let me Know y^r resolves whether I must serve you herein, being, S^r, Y^r Servant T.B.

To Eliz. Askew at Whitestock-hall, near Colton.

Betty, Y^r so sudden leaving of us may excuse y^e Liberty I now take in troubling You wth y^s, w^{ch} as it can be of no ill consequence to you, so I hope it shall not be to any. That y^r prosperity and happiness is desired by us, You may please to believe; but y^r so unexpected departure has perhaps somew^t crossed our Intentions, w^{ch} are very honest, and might prove not att all disadvantageous to You. I shall not pretend to give

¹ Bigland is in the township of Upper Holker, and Parish of Cartmel.

You any instructions how to behave y^r self in y^r Service for Experience has taught You y^t Fidelity and Truth are the best Inmates, and Religion and Vertue y^e Amulets w^{ch} alone can preserve from y^e Evil of y^e world. These indeed are y^e things w^{ch} sho'd have y^e first place in our affections : y^e care of pleasing God sho'd allwayes preceed y^t of pleasing either ourselves or others ; and bec. y^e danger of bad company is great, and y^e consequential effects (God Knowes) too too oft pernicious, we cannot but be glad y^t you are a going where Religion is professed and vertue practised : yet we cannot but, at y^e same time, be somew^t sorry to part wth you ; we shall want y^r good Company, and some (I doubt) will want y^r assistance, & advice in matters of y^e greatest concern. 'Tis y^e obseron of y^e wisest of men, y^t a friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. (Prov. 17. 17.) we may say y^e same of a sister, and leave it to y^r self to apply. not as if y^r sister were in Adversity (for we think her happy and desire y^t her Felicity may continew, & (wo'd she permitt it) wo'd make it our business to encrease it as much as we were able) but now being so secure as to be above y^e danger of falling, we think You may do well by y^r ad[vice] . . . [torn here] . . . to do w^t you can to confirm her upon a solid ground, and to Keep her from running upon y^t rock, to w^{ch} her Pilot (for want of skil) seems directly to steer her. I do not question but you have store of Arguments to urge her wth, or if You want, I co'd help you wth numbers, but of such indeed as are unfit to be committed to writing. Perhaps y^e advice of a departing friend may be heard and consider'd more yⁿ strong reasons from others, and a desire of y^{rs} is likely to be more powerfull, yⁿ most earnest requests of those whose happiness is not so great as to have a share in her Affections. Sho'd I give counsell I fear it wo'd be suspected for some wo'd be apt to think, it were only for mine own advantage : And truly I must confess, I have an Ey to mine own Interest, but yet it is not so blinded therewth y^t hers is not to be regarded : I can look two wayes at once, or rather wth 2 Eyes at one white, wherin, I co'd wish, we both might fix our Arrowes, so firmly, y^t nothing but the dissolver of all things, sho'd be able again to disjoyn y^m. I cannot but wth a great deall of Indignation see a Jewil of gold in a swine's snout, and of pity to behold y^s dove joyn'd to y^e Owl, w^{ch} may perhaps caress y^e Innocent a while, and yⁿ devour it. The crocodile (y. say) will shed teares in abundance, yet even yⁿ is most to be feared ; and y^e Linx draw unwary Travailleurs out of y^r Road to admire y^e beauty and richness of his skin, but only to destroy y^m. The whole world is a great cheat, and there is scarce any thing but deceit to be met wth ; and You may (perhaps) be so unjust as to think y^t all I have now writ, is but hypocrisy ; and how to convince You of y^s error I Know not ; but y^s you may do well to consider, y^t w^t ever man may do, God will not deceive. and therefore in my room you may advise — to let God be y^e first thing considered, yⁿ goodness ; to seek a friend whose character is Piety and vertue, whose disposition and temper is agreable and easy, and yⁿ to think on other things : And wth all to suffer no secular concern w^t ever to tempt her to cheat herself by putting a force upon her will : no, not y^t of y^e commands of a mother, for in y^s respect especially I think y^e Advice of Solomon to be very good B¹

¹ Be not righteous overmuch.

.....[*torn here*] over much, neither make thyself over wise : why shouldest thou destroy thy self ? (Ec. 7. 16). Some (we might produce Examples) out of a Superstitious fear of breaking y^e fifth Com. have broken most of y^e other 9, by suffering y^m Selves to be sacrificed to y^e ambition or avarice of Parents, and thereby plunged y^m selves into a sea of misery, discomfort, and (may be) death too : I co'd instance in somew^t like y^s but not wth out a great deall of sorrow. There are Promises and Vowes, and Oaths at marriages, w^{ch} are to be sincere, or else Gods name is taken most grievously in vain. They must come from y^e very inmost parts of y^e heart, not form'd in y^e mouth & uttered by y^e tongue, but proceeding from y^e will, and y^t not a brutall one, but rightly instructed, and brought into conformity wth y^t of God. And now you may well say y^t instead of love-letter, you have met wth a sermon, w^{ch} I fear, as it has been long, has also been tiresome : Yet Know 'tis a Letter of Love however, and y^e length may serve to prove y^t you, and y^r Sister are sometimes thought on : I do wish You both well, and begg of You (Betty) now, in y^e close of y^s unfashionable Letter, y^t if y^r Sister have allready resolved in w^t You may perceive I wo'd not have her, not so much as let her, understand one syllable hereof, bec. it may do harm, but sure no good. And however it be, You may oblige me by committing it to y^e flames as soon as You have read it once. I am Y^{rs} in all Sincerity —

For M^r Wildman at Ulverston

Colton, July y^e 30 (98). M^r Wildman, Wo'd y^r Mother and You take y^e trouble to climb over rocks, y^r Presence wo'd be gratefull to us, and y^r friends at White-stock-hall on Wedensday next ; as wo'd also be y^t of M^r Edmunson, to w^m (pray) and to M^{rs} Wildman, give my Service, and accept y^e same from S^r Y^r sincere friend and brother T.B.

For M^r Miles ¹

M^r Myles, You are desired to publish y^e banns of marriage tomorrow, betwixt Tho: Strickland and Elizabeth Corkar both of y^s parish, y^e second time [*torn here*] to supply y^e place of Y^r Servant and [*torn here*]

To John Turner, Slater, at M^r Jo: Woodburns house in Ulverston.

Colton, Aug. y^e 4th (98). John, If you can conveniently provide nailes and pinns for Cowridding barn, we wo'd have You so to do : and also to get it covered wth w^t expedition You can. I think we shall have all things besides in readiness, by y^e beginning of next week, at w^{ch} time, we hope, you will begin to cover. I am y^r sincere friend T.B.

To Jo: Turner at Cowridding

Bowke ² [?] Aug. 5th (98).

¹ Now apparently incumbent of Cartmel Fell Chapel.

² Bouth is intended.

John I have been wth Joseph Pennington, but he has not spoke for Laths, so y^t, if you can, You must provide for y^r self. You may imploy either one or both of y^e Idle Roberts to make pinns: and if I can do nothing else I shall take care to provide money to pay w^{ts} due, and remain y^r Friend T.B.

John Walker gave my Land lord w^t followes y^e 9th he forgot till y^e next day to give it me.

Q.C. Oxon. Dear Bro. Pupil. Y^r last wth a summ of 4^l came safely to my hand, and I have taken all care imaginable, to expend y^t money according to y^r order, and to y^e best advantage. You have all new furniture instead of old, and in y^e opinion of most people here at a very reasonable rate. I shall not mention y^e particulars here, but refer you to y^e bills inclos'd; Y^r Taylor and I were very inquisitive after 2^d hand goods, but our labour prov'd vain, so we were resolv'd to send you something as servisable, and worth y^e money too. You have every thing you writt for, saving half a dozen balls, w^{ch} I co'd not purchase at y^s time, because y^e rest of y^r money was exhausted upon y^r gowns and Castor. I have made bold to reserve 1^s 6^d out of y^e 4^l for drinking y^r health, w^{ch} I shall do this evening very heartily wth a glass of good ale in company wth y^e Top [?] of Men Ned Holloway and my Chum M^r Hutchinson now Proproc. They both send y^r humble service to You and all y^r Acquaintance here. Seymour Cooke y^e Barber has been wth me just now, and desires me to acquaint You wth some small arrears y^t are betwixt You and him; M^r Bownas, he tells me promised before witnesses to see him pd, but he being dead, his promise y^e Barbar hopes you will perform; He did not mention any summ to me, but told me you Knew y^t before, and so depends upon y^r honesty. M^r Wilson w^m you enquire after, has not been seen here, y^s twelvemonth, and w^t trade he drives at London, we Know not. In his last letter to me, he desired y^e favour of having a Testimonium from y^e Coll. but it co'd not be granted: his life and conversation was excepted against, and y^e Provost advised me to acquaint him wth it. I have heard since he has been wthin y^e smoak of y^s town, but dares not venture any further for fear of an arrest: his juniours Thwaites and Smith, have not much reason to bewail his misfortune, being they were elected Fellowes y^e last Term. I have no Newes to tell You, but a great bustle we have now at Oxford about electing two Parliament men, S^r Christ. Musg:¹ S^r W^m Glyn,² & M^r Berty³ of University Col. are y^e Candidates, and 'tis y^e opinion of most of us, our Country man will succeed. I have no more to send you but my Good wishes, and if you approve of my management You may further make use of Y^r humble serv^t W^m Scott. C.

¹ i.e. Musgrave. He was 4th Bart. of Edenhall, Cumberland, and d. 1704.

² Sir William Glynne, 2nd Bart., son of William G. of Ambrosden, Oxon; matric. St. Edmund Hall, 5 Dec. 1679, aged 16; D.C.L. 1706; M.P. for Oxford University, 1698-1700, for Woodstock, 1702-5; d. 1721 (Foster).

³ Albemarle Bertie, son of Robert, Earl of Lindsey; matric. University Coll. 3 July, 1686, aged 17; Fellow of All Souls, 1694; M.P. for Lincolnshire, 1705-8, Cockermonth, 1708-10, Boston, 1734-41; d. 23 Jan. 1741-42 (Foster).

[These verses follow]

No Ice so hard but y^t it will,
 By y^e Suns heat dissolve :
 No heart so strong as y^t it still
 Can stand 'gainst powerfull love.
 I need no records seek to witness this
 My heart proves more to me yⁿ thousand witnesses.

I was so fond as to believe
 me safe from Cupids darts,
 but, dearest M—— me forgive
 I did not Know his arts.
 His arts say I ? , say y^{rs} I sho'd have said ?
 Cupid co'd never wound me wthout y^r mighty aid.

Tis not fair maid y^t pleasing Air
 (Thô y^t might monsters move)
 Nor wealth, nor face (thô charming fair)
 Y^t force me You to love.
 Clowns will gape at & strive y^e case to Win
 Let me o' let me have y^e vertuous soul wthin.

But ah ! fond fool, y^t wists in vain
 I fear, for how sho'd she
 W^m every one doth seek to gain
 as yet remain for thee ?
 Yet love I will she cannot hinder y^s
 I will love vertu whersoever it placed is.

This was writ back word, but y^e following thus

To Know me right You must not look
 To my fore side as on a book
 But look me thrô wth Curious Art
 And You at length may find a sincere heart.
 A. is y^e 1st but let
 B. b. y^e last
 In loves new Alphabet
 forget w^{ts} past.

Aw frights wth frowns, grows sower and kicks.
 Bee out of every flower honey picks.

To M^r Val Ormrod &c

Colton Aug. 11th 98. M^r Ormrod, I received from you 4 vol. of B^p Hopkins ¹ serm. And y^e Ladies calling : You tell me y^e Hopkins are cheap, and so y. had been if new, but being 2^d handed I think y^m full dear at 63^s.

¹ Ezekiel Hopkins (1634-90), Bishop of Raphoe, 1671, and of Derry, 1681. (D.N.B.)

However I have sent you 16^s but expect to be well used, and You may have more of my Money. The Goodwin I was a looking at You may send me if it be not gone: y^e Camb. Concord. You did well to let alone, but you may send for it wⁿ it is reprinted. The late Cases of Lond. Divines is yet too dear, I am informed it will be shortly reprinted, and yⁿ I may be for it. I want a great many other books, amongst w^{ch} are Farringdons Sermons 3 vols. Tillotsons Sermons, Scholler of the whole duty of mans works, Morall Essayes &c. If you can meet wth any of these or any other good bookes w^{ch} You think proper for me, let me Know of y^m and y^r prices, & I shall probably be a Customer. I was somew^t mistaken in Van Helmont,¹ for it contains not w^t I suspected, yet I sho'd not have much repented of my bargain had You not sold it me too dear. Give my service to all friends, and accept y^e same from Y^r Sincere F. T.B.

This return'd to me again. On Sunday morning y^e 14th of August a speciall messenger brought me w^t followes; This first open.—

For M^r John Woodburn at Ulverston in Fourness. Walton August 9th 98. S^r Pray send y^e inclosed forth with by a speciall messenger to Coulton, and M^r Brockbank will pay him. The matter of it may be of speedy concern to him. I am, S^r, Y^r Troublesom serv^t Thomas Marsden.

For y^e Reverend M^r Brockbank at Coulton in Fourness. Walton near Liverpool Aug. 9th 98. S^r You may remember w^t I whispered to You wⁿ we parted at Ulverston, and now I begin to execute my intentions for You, resolving as I shall have opportunity, to serve You in greater matters, if You please, under Gods providence, to throw y^r self upon my care. Had I not been from home on Sunday last this had been wth You a Post sooner. The inclosed will say, w^t is now offered You and I can assure You y^t M^r Richmond,² y^e offerer, is an honest, modest, and studious man, and will give you all y^e encouragement he can, Garstang is a sweet place, and but a days Journey from y^e plac^e of y^r Nativity. I oblige You (if I can) to see him thereon Munday or Tuesday next, bec. I am uncertain whether he may not return to Liverpool y^e latter part of y^e next week. If You cannot leave Colton under a quarters warning I hope to contrive it so, y^t an other may officiate there so long. You will acquaint y^r Father herewth, and present him wth my service. If You please to ride thus far, wⁿ You come to Garstang, I hope You may not lose y^r Labour; but I refer y^t to y^r Leisure and pleasure. Wⁿ You write to me (w^{ch} I hope will be speedily) direct y^r Letter to Walton near Liverpool, let it be put into y^e post house at Lān & 2^d paid wth it & write under y^e superscription p^d 2^d & it will surely come to me. I commend You to Gods protection & rest in much

¹ Probably Francis Mercurius van Helmont (1618-99), son of John Baptist van Helmont of Brussels (1577-1644). He wrote several theological works. (*Nouveau Dictionnaire Historique* . . . par. L. M. Chaudon and F. A. Delandine, 1804.)

² Henry Richmond, 5th son of Silvester Richmond of Liverpool, was b. 15 Apr. 1674; matric. Brasenose Coll. Oxon, 11 Mar. 1691-92, aged 17; B.A. 1695; instituted to the Vicarage of Garstang, 4 Apr. 1698; instituted to the 2nd mediety of the Rectory of Liverpool, 17 May, 1706; resigned Garstang, 1 Mar. 1706-7; d. in July, 1721. (Fishwick's *Garstang*, and *V.C.H. Lancs.*)

Sincerity, S^r, Y^r affectionate B^r & faithfull serv^t Tho: Marsden. Pray (S^r) neglect not to visit M^r Henry Richmond at y^e time for I will let him Know by y^e post he may expect You.

The inclosed was this.—

To the Reverend M^r Marsden Vicar of Walton near Liverpool. M^r Crowder pray get y^s letter directly to Walton. Garstang Aug. 5th 98. S^r. A post before we came hither, I gave M^r Johnson notice to provide himself wth an other place, for particular reasons w^{ch} (it seems) my spouse¹ gave you some hints of: & saturday after at noon he demanded his salary, and went a way at 5 in y^e evening wth out any previous intimation. Y^s sleighty trick had been a disapointment, but y^t I brought a few notes wth me, and am got acquainted wth M^r Robinson* of S^t Michaels,² who is willing sometimes to make a change. I propos'd y^e Curacy to a friend at Chester, and he being out of Town, but received his answer this week y^t he was lately instituted to a Benefice. Upon my wifes relating y^e Character You gave of a Brother in y^e North, 'tis my request to You at present y^t You make him y^e following Proposals. There is preaching twice a day in Summer, but only once in winter, and prayers in y^e evening 'cause a great part of y^e parishioners live at some miles distance. Y^s considered wth my Assistance w^{ch} I shall frequently give him, he will ha' much spare time to prosecute other studies. I will allow him w^t will be equivalent to 30^l per annum, y^s winter he may lodge at y^e Clarkes, w^{ch} will be convenient, 'cause a private house, neat quarters, and very near y^e Church: And in y^e spring (if his Temper be agreeable) will take him into my own family and onely deduct w^t y^e Clark will take for his board. S^r I am so well assured of y^r Friendship and Know You to be so competent a judge in y^s case, y^t I can safely make these Proposals even to a stranger, barely upon y^r recommendation. I desire You will write immediately to y^e Gentleman, and (entreat him if possible) to come over y^e next week. Please to let me Know y^t you receive y^s., and where y^e Gentlemans residence is at present. Our Service to y^rself and Relations at y^e Parsonage conclude this from y^r affectionate B^r & hūble Serv^t Henry Richmond.

On y^e 14th after service I took horse and rid to my Fathers, next day to Garstang y^e next to Walton &c. And on y^e ult. I writ to M^r Richmond y^s.

S^r. Since I returned to Colton I find my concerns to stand in such a posture, y^t y. seem to require my presence for some time, so y^t wth my own convenience I cannot as yet leave these mountains. My Rent-day is Martinmas, and if I stay not till yⁿ, I think it will not be paid me. However if any Kind of necessity call for me, I shall make my self ready to wait upon You sooner at Garstang. My Father was exercising me, wⁿ I was last wth him about y^e allowance, and told me he thought 30^l p annum

¹ Henry Richmond's first wife was Bridget, dau. of Jonathan Blackburne of Orford (near Warrington), by his second wife Bridget, dau. of Thos. Bloomfield of Little Leigh, co. Chester. She died in Jan. 1702-3. (See p. 242.)

² A parish, etc., 3½ miles S.W. of Garstang.

too small a stipend for me to live upon, yet is not unwilling y^t I sho'd serve y^e cure bec. he finds I have a mind so to do ; onely he jok'd me for leaving things at such uncertainties wthout making a positive bargain : But had there been a mention of any allowance, I durst have relied upon y^r generosity, as still I must wth respect to some particulars. If you please to honour me wth a line or two, You may direct y^m for me at Colton near Ulverston, to be left at M^r Woodburn, and I shall hope to receive y^m. Pray give my very humble service to y^r Lady and accept y^e Same from Y^r affectionate bro^r and humble serv^t T.B.

This I enclosed in w^t followes to M^r Lucas at y^e Church Town near Garstang.

Colton, id. M^r Lucas By y^s I send You thanks for y^r Civilities w^a at Garstang, but as yet have no other return to make you, y^m an addition of trouble in conveying y^e enclosed to w^m directed. If M^r Richmond be at Garstang y^r Trouble will be y^e less : but if he be removed, pray get it him as soon as you can. You may please to give my service to M^r Law, and M^{rs} Lucas, and believe y^t I am Y^r sincere F. & Serv^t.

At y^e same time I sent away y^s to M^r Scot.

Aug. ult. Dear S^r. I send You a thousand thanks for y^r carefull expending of y^e money I sent you by y^e Carrier, but am sorry y^t I must yet be troublesome to You. Every thing you procured wo'd have pleased me very well had they come to my hands ; but some of y^e Careless Carriers, I presume, have overlooked my little packet, or laid it in some dark Corner, whence it may not again appear a great while wth out searching. I sent to M^r Cowhird, and he sends me word, y^t he has been at some trouble in seeking after it, but can hear nothing of it, and gō my request to you is y^t you wo'd be pleased to write to Burnyeats, y^t he may let me Know, w^t he has done wth it.

I am glad y^t s^r Chr: Musgrave is to be one of y^e Representers of y^e Body, for I doubt y^e Church will have a want of such sons to plead her cause agst her Enemies. We have had a great bustle about chusing two Burgesses for Lanc., y^e E. of Maxfield¹ made great a do for one of his creatures, and w^t a one he was you may guess if you Know y^e E. but y^e Church carried y^e day agst y^e meeting house. I was lately in y^e bottom of y^e County wth a Fellow of Jes. Col. Camb. who read me a letter from his F. at y^e Univ. y^t informed me of y^e great Industry y^e Genevites used to get men of y^{lr} set into y^e house of Commons. And upon Dissapointment of 2 worthy churchmen, they thought y^m Selves obliged to have a public thanks giving for y^e prevailing of y^e Cause. And one of y^e Preachers one Hussey was so impudently bold as in his preachment to say y^e Common prayer had damned more souls yⁿ ever y^e Gospell saved. I will not disturb You at present wth any more of y^s sort of stuff, but wth a desire of distri-

¹ i.e. Macclesfield. The Earl of Macclesfield in 1698 was Charles Gerard, 2nd Earl, who succeeded his father, Charles the 1st Earl in 1694, and dying in 1701, was succeeded by his brother Fytton G., 3rd Earl, who d. 1702.

buting my service among my Friends, cease to write, but not to be, S^r, Y^r very affectionate F. and much obliged serv^t.

Wth y^e same messenger I allso sent this to y^e Bishop.

Colton. Sep. 6th. 98 My Lord The Newes y^t has painted sorrow in most faces here namely of y^e death of M^r Armstrong hath allready (I presume) reach'd y^r Lords^{ps} ears, otherwise I sho'd have told y^r L^{or}p y^t he began to be indisposed on Thursday y^e 25th of y^e last month but took not his bed before Sunday in y^e afternoon : He continued lying y^e beginning of y^e week, under a violent disease, y^t made him somew^t parlytic, and convulsive and on Friday y^e 2^d of y^s M. betwixt 4 & 5 in y^e afternoon he breathed out his pious Soul. I had y^e happiness to do y^e last Christian office to him while alive and saw him expire. Every body laments his death, and his late parishioners seem all most inconsolable, and not to be comforted except y^r L^{or}p. take care that a man of as unblameable a life and conversation and every way so good an example as he was be appointed to succeed him. I doubt not but many will desire to be possessed of y^e benefits of his late church, but where a Man of his Piety, Integrity, and fitness to serve y^t Cure may be found I must confess my self Ignorant : only y^s I make bold to acquaint y^r L^p wth, y^t were I to succeed him If I did not come up to y^t height of Duty wth he performed, it sho'd be for want of power not will. I have some reason to believe y^e Parish has an esteem for me greater perhaps yⁿ I deserve, and wo'd be somew^t satisfied if y^r L^{or}d^p sho'd please to present me : or (if y^t power be out of y^r L^{ps} hands) to recommend me to y^e Presenters. S^r W. L.¹ tells me 'tis his right to present, and I doubt not but y^r L^{ps} letter wo'd prevail much wth him who seems not altogether averse to me. May it please y^r L^p to pardon y^s great boldness and trouble, and permitt me to subscribe my self (My L^d) Y^r very much obliged and humble serv^t T.B.

At y^e same time y^s to M^r Marsden.

Worthy S^r, Instead of making any suitable return for y^r late Kindness I am forced to put a great deal of trouble upon You, in desiring You to sollicite y^e Bp. for me : My business is y^s, M^r Armstrong having left his parishioners over whelmed wth sorrow, I was encouraged by some of y^m to sue to be his successor : The good esteem y^e have for me, made me think my self not altogether unfit to serve y^t Cure, and if y^r opinion of me agree wth theirs, my request is y^t You wo'd please to put his L^p in mind, y^t formerly he had a good will to do me a Kindness, and y^t now opportunity does offer it self. If You think me not fit for Cartmell I shall endeavour to be ready for Garstang, ab^t Martinmass, and however y^s be, I shall allwayes acknowledge my Self so much obliged by You, y^t I shall be very ambitious to throw my self upon y^r care, not doubting y^r sincerity

¹ Sir William Lowther of Marske, Yorks., 1670-1705, created a Baronet, 1697, M.P. for Lancaster, 1702-5, married Catherine, dau. and h. of Thomas Preston of Holker (who d. 1696) by Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Roger Bradshaw of Haigh, co. Lancaster. Sir William's right of presentation to Cartmell was in right of his wife.

and good intentions, and shall esteem it a very great honour y^t I may subscribe my self, worthy S^r, y^r much obliged F. & h. s. T. B I desire my humble [? service] to y^r son and daughters.

To M^r Johnson scholemaster of y^e Free schole in Cartmell.

Colton Sep. 10th (98). M^r Johnson * I think my self obliged in point of Civility to give y^r Parishioners a sermon now in y^e time of their wanting a pastor : but wⁿ my service might be acceptable I desire to learn from You, In y^t I wo'd not willingly come, and have an other step up before me, and y^t I may give my people notice of my absence : If You think tomorrow sevensnight might do well, let me Know by y^s bearer, and I can tomorrow acquaint my Aūd therewith : or if an other day wo'd be more convenient, let me Know in time to give warning to my Pareirs, and I shall be ready to wait upon You, as I sho'd have been very ambitious to have done for life had S^r W^m thought me fit.—I'l say nothing of him y^{ts} gone but y^s. The church has lost a pillar, and You & I &c a friend. My hearty desire y^t a better man (if possible) in Every respect yⁿ he was y^{ts} gone, may supply his place, & Service to M^{rs} Johnson and y^r self conclude this from Y^r Sincere Friend and serv^t T.B.

For M^r Tho Brockbank Minister att Colton

Kendall Sep^r 10th 98. S^r. I have at last met wth y^r Goods, they came but to my hand on Wednesday last. The fault has not been mine, as some supposed, but Burnyeatt's absolutely for he left y^m at Northampton for y^e Londⁿ Carrier to take, and whether he forgat y^m or how it is I'm not certain : This, wth Kind respects, concludes me S^r, Y^r friend & ready Serv^t Rob^t Court.

These two y^t follow I received in bed on Sep^r 16th.

Walton 7^r 13th 98. S^r. Upon y^e receipt of y^{rs} I forthwith writt to Chester, and though I fear y^r present desire will not be fullfilled, my L^d having some worthy person near him and related to him, unprovided for, yet fear not y^t You shall stick long at Garstang. I will be seeking opportunities, and still remain, S^r, Y^r faithfull Serv^t Thomas Marsden. Mine give You their Service. I in speceall manner advise you to get S^r W^m L. consent, w^{ch} may be of great acc^t to You for a reason y^t I will impart to You shortly. Fail not in y^s. I broke y^e paper open to say this.

Good S^r. Y^{rs} dated y^e 6th instant came not to my hands before y^e last night. I think it will not fall to my Lott to Nominate a Curate to Cartmell, because there is a Clause in S^r W^m Lowther's Lease by w^{ch} he seems impower'd to provide y^e Minister. I have already recommended an other Clark to S^r W^m and gō I cannot write to him in y^r behalf, but if You can make an interest wth him I shall readily receive You, and grant You a Licence to serve y^e Cure. I am sorry You are no better provided for, and shall be glad of an opportunity of putting you into more easy

circumstances. I am sincerely S^r Your affectionate Friend and Brother,
N. Cestriens. Sept. 16th, 1698.

This I receiv'd y^e 7th of Octob^r.

Brother I was at Warrington Wⁿ y^r Letter came to Liverpool but at last ha' receiv'd it. As to y^t p^t of it w^{ch} hints at y^e Salary & seems to rely upon my Generosity, for some particulars not mention'd; Il'e be as free wth You in writing, as I was in my discourse wⁿ you paid me a visit—Y^e Vicaridge is small & wont bear such a Salary, but having a little Temporallity & being very desirous of an Assistant in y^s large Parish I am willing to give to an Ingenious man w^{ch} I wo'd not allow any ordinary person. Yet I wo'd wish You had specified y^e particulars 'cause thô it is my Intention to perform y^e Terms mentioned in my letter to M^r Marsden w^{ch} You had, yet I won't lie under any obligation to exceed an equivalent to 30^l p annum. I'me well satisfied y^r Qualifications are above y^s, & co'd wish it in my power to promote You to better Preferment. I hope You will pardon y^s freedom, w^{ch} is onely design'd to prevent mistakes. As to y^e time of y^r coming here You may stay till y^r business be dispatcht. For I intend to administer y^e Communion on Sunday, and M^r Low's * circumstances dont yet call him from y^s Place. If anything happen contrary to y^e first designs, I desire Y^r Speedy intimation of it. All y^s family present You wth y^r services. Pray write to Y^r affectionate Brother Henry Richmond.

This I answered thus :

Colton, 8^r. 8. 89.¹

S^r, I receiv'd y^{rs} of y^e 30th ult but yesterday, and make bold thus speedily to return You an answer : not as if my business required such a hasty dispatch, but y^t my letter might reach You e'r you leave Garstang, as I hope y^s will. The Particulars I mention'd in mine, and w^{ch} You took notice of in y^{rs}, are *but trifles* not worthy a 2^d naming, such as (I'm sure) we shall not differ ab^t. And 30^l per annū (thô but a small sallary yet) I think will Keep me and my horse, and yⁿ 'twill be enough. You are pleas'd to be very free in giving leave to stay till my business be done, but I doubt if You Knew how I am entangled you wo'd recall y^r word. I am engaged not only in building but (w^{ch} is a more inextricable Maze) I am in y^e Chancery also, about some moneys formerly left to our Church : Yet neither y^s nor personall Concerns shall hinder me from waiting on You at Garstang, wⁿ You require it : But might I stay till towards Candlemass, 'two'd be meet to my satisfaction if not advantage, and yⁿ wth Gods leave I sho'd not fail to come and officiate in y^r Parish, and ease You of part of y^r Care. This depends on M^r Lowes Convenience, and y^r good liking, to w^{ch} I leave it, being in y^e mean time ready to leave Colton upon a fortnights warning. I am obliged to You for y^r good opinion of my Qualifications and y^r desire of my promotion to better preferm^t, and I shall ever endeavor to preserve y^r good opinion by doing my duty, and observing y^r comānds, as being S^r y^r humble obliged Serv^t. I beg y^t my service may

¹ [Sic] should be 98.

be divided amongst y^r Family, a great share wherof belongs of right to y^r Lady.

The following letter I receiv'd on Sunday Morning Oct^r y^e 23^d.

S^r. The matter in contest betwixt y^e Churchwardens of Colton & Joseph Penny, being at Issue, & a commission for examination of witnesses therein, being to be executed on Tuesday next, some speedy preparations ought to be made for y^e manadgment therof on y^e Churchwardens part, and to y^t intent I desire You will be pleas'd to give timely notice to y^e Churchwardens, & y^e other most substantiall Inhabitants of y^e pish to make provision for y^s matter. There will be occasion for moneys for payment of y^e Commissioners, & other charges relating to y^e execution of y^e Commission, which must of necessity be discharged at this time, w^{ch} I desire may be (wth out fail) raised in y^e Parish : I have likewise disbursed moneyes for y^e whole charges of Manadgment hitherto, w^{ch} I expect to be reimbursed in a short time, if You will favour me so much, as to intimate it to y^e Parishioners, You will thereby very much oblige him who is S^r y^r most humble Serv^t Edm^d Gibson 21^o Octob^r (98).

To M^r Scot.

Colton Octob^r 28. (98). Dear S^r. I am ashamed and sorry to have put You to so great trouble as of late I have done, and y^e more bec. I Know not to make You any suitable return : However You have not altogether lost y^r Labour, nor I my Money, for at y^e long run I have receiv'd in safety all y^e things mentioned in y^{rs}. All w^{ch} do highly content me. You are so very good a Manager y^t perhaps it may create You more trouble, if Providence shall order a more plentiful allowance for me, as I hope it may e'r long : I am thinking of removing hence, thò whither I cannot yet tell, but if You'l please sometimes to honour me wth a line or two, You may direct y^m as heretofore, and I shall receive y^m. I shall long to hear newes from Oxon, and any thing from thence is allwayes gratefull, and most acceptable, to S^r Y^r much obliged and most affectionate Friend and Brother T.B. Pray give my Service to all Friends, especially to those who remember'd me in Y^{rs}. T.B.

This was included in y^e following to M^r Rob^t Courtt.

id. M^r Court I give You hearty thanks for y^e great Care & trouble about my Oxford Goodes, and sho'd long e'r this, have repaid You y^e money laid out for Carriage, but y^a I met wth none I thought fit to employ : But now y^s Bearer M^r Chapman, having business to y^r Town, will (I doubt not) see You satisfied, and pay You w^t I am indebted to You for Carriage of Goods or Letters &c. I desire You to send y^e inclos'd to y^e Post office, and me a few Wafers, if You have any. This (wth love and Kind respects to all Friends) is all at present from S^r y^r sincere obliged Friend T.B.

And y^s was lapt up in y^e following note To M^r Richard Chapman

id. M^r Chapman I begg of You to deliver y^s inclosed to w^m it is directed, and to pay M^r Court w^t he has laid out for carriage of my Goods

from Oxon. I Know not w^t it is otherwise I sho'd have sent it You by y^s bearer ; but if You'l please to see my name cross'd in his deadbook for y^s and (if he took any for me) for Letters, I shall take care y^e first opportunity to repay you, y^e money wth thanks, and promise of doing You y^e like kind office wⁿ it shall lie in my Power, as being (S^r) y^r Servant T.B.

My Cos. Isabel Whitehead came to our house the first of 9^{er} and brought me y^e following Epistle, wth its contents.

S^r. The butter and y^e account I rec^d, and I humbly thank both you and y^r Landlady for all y^r trouble & Kindness. S^r I did not think You sho'd have been put to lying out any Money: I intended James Kellet sho'd have laid it out, till he had brought me y^e Raikes but I have sent You y^{rs} again, by y^e bearer very thankfully. Wth in y^{rs} you may find in a paper 6^s w^{ch} I desire You to present wth my service to y^r good Landlady, for her Factorship, and tell her I must make bold to trouble her again after a little while for I approve very well of her buying, but I must have some time to sell, and bring in Money to take up new bargains w^{ch} If she co'd buy, and Condition four or five weekes time for taking up, I co'd wish she were doing, wⁿ opportunity served, for 3 or 4 loads more at y^s time, and if I cold tell wⁿ y^e day appointed for taking up were, I wo'd do my best to come to y^e weighing, and order my own panyers to pack it in, y^t once packing may fit, to prevent Crushing. I wold order more at once, but y^t I have the opportunity of bying both at Kendall, & Kirby & country houses near us, w^{ch} as yet does partly fill my hand. S^r I shall trouble You wth no more at y^s time, but to give my service to y^r Landlord & Landlady & accept y^e same Y^r self from y^r Kinsman & serv^t Row: Tatham. Casterton, y^e 28 of 8^{br}/98.

To Row, Tatham

Colton 9^r. y^e 8. 98. Cousin Y^{rs} I receiv'd, and deliver'd y^r Token to my Landlady who gives You many thanks for it, and an offer of Service, might it be to y^r advantage. Since y^e receipt of y^{rs} she has been in our Neighbourhood but can buy no butter as yet under 4^s per stone so y^t she is not willing to meddle till further orders about y^e price. I have taken in 11 stones and paid for it and sent it You by Ja. Kellet. I am in haste and gō pray excuse abruptness and divide my service love and duty amongst my relations and friends wth you, & be pleas'd to make use of me in w^t I am able to serve You as being, dear cousin, y^r sincere friend & serv^t T.B.

My Landlady met wth y^s following at Ulverston Nov^r y^e 17.—To the reverend M^r Brookbank

Kirkland Nov. y^e 7. 98. Rev^{ed} S^r In y^r last Letter you sent to M^r Richmond, you mentioned y^t You co'd not wth conveniency come hither before Candlemas, so y^t I hearing of a place in my own part of y^e Country, y^t they are very desirous to have me to officiate at; but y^s will not be before y^t time, bec. y^e present Minister holds it til yⁿ, I have sent y^s in y^e interim to Know whet^r You can wth conveniency stay till yⁿ; If You can You

will very much oblige me, for I care not for being burthensome to my Far, and at y^t time I can go from hence to y^e place I mention ; If not I desire You to let me Know as speedily as possible, y^t I may send home for a horse, to be ready at y^r coming ; besides I have been above a quarter here, and would willingly stay to make out y^e other quarter, w^{ch} will be just at Candlemas ; all our family are in health, but M^r Richmond and his lady (as I think) are for Liverpool tomorrow morning & will not return till towards April next ; I desire You not to fail in sending an answer as soon as y^s comes to y^r hands ; w^{ch} is all from Y^r loving Brother Ja Lowe

Thus I answered,

Colton near Ulverston in Lanc. Nov. 17^o. 98. M^r Lowe, I received Y^{rs} of y^e 7th but just now, and (because You desire a speedy answer) return You y^s to let You Know, y^t I am very glad y^r conveniences and Mine do center both upon a point. 'Tis true, I can leave Colton w^a I please, yet have a mind to Keep my Christmas here amongst my Friends, but shall take all imaginable care to supply at Garstang y^e first Sunday after Candlemas. I am also glad to hear of y^r hopes of a benefice near y^r Friends, for y^t (no doubt) will be more gratefull to You y^a y^s w^{ch} I am about to leave co'd You obtain it. Wo'd You please at y^r Leisure to honour me wth a line or two, and therin give me some short account of y^e Disposition of y^e Parishioners how y^e Sallery is paid, w^t you give for Y^r board &c. You wo'd very much oblige, D^r. S^r Y^r sincere Friend & Brother T.B. Pray give my service to y^r Family.

To y^e Rev^d M^r Brookbank att Colton near Ulverston

Liverpool 9^x y^e 18th. 98. Brother, Y^s week I left Garstang, and intend to be 3 months from there, w^{ch} obliges me to desire y^r coming thither very soon, 'cause M^r Low is only Deacon, and can't be capable (You Know) of administring y^e Communion. But more (thô Private) Reasons makes me earnest for You to be at Garstang very speedily, and before Xmas at y^e farthest. Pray send me an answer, & write M^r Lowe a Line, to intimate when You will be there ; w^{ch} will oblige y^r affectionate Brother Henry Richmond.

My wife sends You her service. M^r L. is a weak Brother. tear y^s away and burn it.

Thus I answer'd.

Colton Nov. y^e 25^o. 98. S^r. I am sorry y^{rs} came no sooner to my hands, for bec. I had no answer to my last, I suppos'd You willing y^t I sho'd remain at Colton til Feb. and my Supposition being confirmed by a Letter from M^r Low, wherein (I thought at least) I perceived y^r concurrence wth his desire and mine. I have laid in some Provisions, w^{ch} now to leave wo'd prove loss. I have also given him a Promise of my stay here till Candlemas at w^{ch} time (he says) his 2^d Quarter will end. He has some assurance of a benefice w^{ch} will be vacant about y^t time (he tells me) & wo'd remove from Garstang to it, y^t he might not be burdensom to his Father. Y^r arg^t concerning administring y^e Com. I wo'd (wth Gods leave)

answer by a personall officiating in y^t holy Mystery, wo'd You please (or give orders to M^r Low) to let me Know y^e time. Y^e other Reasons for my speedy removall, as I Know y^m not, so I hope if they be dispensed wth till X^{mas} in one Month more y. will not make my Presence indispensable. So short a time (I have reason to think) wo'd almost put a conclusion to my concerns here : or if it wo'd not, I sho'd leave y^m to observe y^r Commands at Garstang. Till yⁿ I beg of You (if it may stand wth y^r Conveniency) to let me remain at Colton or if an absolute Necessity calls for me before to let me Know it by a speedy intimation, & thereby oblige S^r.—Pray give my service to y^r Lady, and wⁿ Opportunity serves to M^r Marsden and (if you please) acquaint him that S^r W. has got (some say hired for 30 years) a Parson for Cartmell.

This I sent away from Witherslack and at my return to Colton I found this

Liverpoole 9^{ber} y^e 27th. Brother, I receiv'd a Letter today from M^r Low, and it seems a Curacy is offer'd to him : so y^t it will be necessary for You to be at Garstang, y^s week or y^e next at farthest : for he has promis'd to preach at Eccleston y^s day fortnight. write by y^e return of y^e Post, y^t I may Know w^t to depend on. Y^r affectionate Brother H. Richmond I writ to You a week since on y^e occasion, thô wth other circumstances.

These letters made me think of Taking a journey to Garstang, to see how affaires were there, w^{ch} I began on y^e 6th of December & y^t night at Lancaster received this—To . . . as 136.¹ I suspect y^e mis-carriage of two Letters thus directed & so desire y^e Post Masters to be careful in sending This.

Liverpool 10^{ber} y^e 2^d 98. Brother I ha' writ 2 letters to You, one a fortnight since, y^e other on Sunday last ; y^e Purport of both was to hasten y^r going to Garstang. M^r Low is to be at Eccleston on Sunday sennight, so y^t there is a necessity for y^r being at y^r Place before y^t time. But if You can't be there, pray let me Know, y^t I may seek out for an other to serve y^e Cure. A speedy answer is desired by Y^r affectionate Brother Henry Richmond.

I proceeded to Garstang and y^t night to Lancaster again where I writ y^s.

Garstang 10^r y^e 7th. 98. S^r Last night at Lancaster in my way to y^s town, I received y^{rs} of y^e 2^d and about a fortnight ago another, w^{ch} I immediately answered wth an earnest entreaty to You not to call me from Colton before Candlemas. If mine has reach'd You, by it You may perceive my readiness to take care about y^e Sacram^t w^{ch} by Gods grace I shall at X^{mas} administer in Person (if it be needfull) or if my presence may be dispensed wth I doubt not M^r Robinson will officiate in my stead. Next Sunday M^r Low (as You writt) is to preach at Eccleston, and I wo'd have

¹ *I.e.* Rev. T. Brockbank at Colton :—as on letter dated 18th Nov. 1698, *supra*.

supplied his place here but y^t M^r Taylor may do it as well, and more commodiously for me. Pray, S^r, do not impute my seeming backwardness to come and reside at y^s town, to any disrespect of You or y^e Curacy, for I do highly esteem both, but my circumstances do really require my stay here for a while: I am intangled in an evil net, yet not wthout all hope of a speedy disengagement^t. Perhaps before X^{mas} I may be set at Liberty (w^{ch} I earnestly wish) and if so, You need make no Question but I shall take up my head Quarters at Garstang. I am ashamed to give You so frequent trouble, and even blush to begg two lines concurring wth my desire: But if You'l please to honour me wth such, You'l lay a lasting obligation upon (Dear S^r) y^r already obliged hūbl Serv^t. Pray let y^r Lady share wth You in my services.

The following I received at Backbarrow

S^r Old butter begins to grow some but scantier, and New is here and at Kendall, but at 10^d or 10½ but it is no quantity I get, and I suppose y^t wth You it is but 10 or under, so y^t I desire y^r Landlady would buy w^t she can buy at y^t price or under, but be sure to buy of y^e bleakest and best coloured butter, & Keep it by in any vessel or otherwise till she have one load 2 or 3, and I shall order James Kellet or some other to fetch it & bring her money, & I shall thankfully satisfy her for her paines. Desire her to buy of y^e Yellowest she can get, and Keep it till she have 22 stones w^{ch} if new butter will be two sufficient loads, but buy no white scalded, short, butter such will not sell. No more at present but give my service to y^r Land Lady and y^e rest of y^e family and accept y^e same y^r self from y^r humble Servant and Kinsman Row: Tatham. Casterton y^e 9th of 10^{br} (98).

This I receiv'd y^e 15th

Liverpool 10^{br} y^e 11th 98. Brother, I received y^r first Letter on Tuesday, and next day shewed it to M^r Marsden. He said he wo'd write to y^e B^p about y^r business there mentioned. To day another of y^r Letters came to my hands intimating y^r being at Garstang last week & desiring You might stay longer at Colton. In answer to w^{ch} my Mind is briefly this y^t if You can agree y^e Matter wth M^r Low so y^t y^e Place may be supplied, I shall readily grant w^t You so earnestly request from y^r affectionate Bro^r Henry Richmond. My spouse presents you wth her service.

To y^e Revd M^r Ja: Low at y^e Church Town near Garstang.

Colton, Decem^r y^e 19, 98. M^r Low, Last week I receiv'd a Letter from M^r Richmond, whereby I am satisfied of his willingness y^t I sho'd remain at Colton till Candlemas, & if I had had any intimation from You, y^t Garstang wo'd be supplied till yⁿ This trouble might have been spared. If You have writt y^r Letter (I suppose) has gone wrong, & gō I begg of You to write again, and thereby oblige y^r affectionate Br. T.B. Give my service to y^r Family wth thanks for y^r Civilities.

To M^r John Sawrey¹ Curate of Lowick.

Colton 10^r y^e 19. 98. M^r Sawrey, You and I being appointed Arbitrators by Rob^t Barker and Edw. Taylor, to deside those differences, y^t malice & ill counceill have made betwixt y^m I begg of You to come hither on Wednesday, wth a full design to put an end to y^m. They are both poor, and g^o unfit for suite. You shall Know y^r Characters and the merit of y^r Causes, wⁿ You come. To morrow I design to take a View of those walls &c y. make a noise about, y^t y^e next day after I may y^e better Know how to judge of y^m. Pray let not y^e words of either party prejudice You ; You have y^e more talking side, & I the more Innocent. No more at present but a desire y^t You wo'd please to bring Richard Dodsons Licence in y^r Pocket, to satisfy me in a matter whereof I am somew^t dubious. I am.

This y^t followes I received at Penny-bridge Decemb^r y^e 29. 98.

Kirkland Dec. 15. 98. S^r. According to my promise I have sent this to acquaint You y^t my Success in y^r behalf was not so good as I expected : for I co'd not possibly prevail wth my Uncle any longer yⁿ New years day, So y^t I hope according to y^r promise You will supply here y^e Sunday after ; There is a Gent. here y^t wo'd be very thankfull to You for y^r Recommendation to y^e place You have ; 'Tis y^e same Man y^t Supplied at Garstang for us this last Sunday ; I hope we shall have y^r answer as speedily as possible, w^{ch} is all from Your serv^t and Brother Ja: Lowe.

This I immediately answered thus

Colton Dec^r y^e 29. 98. S^r. Y^{rs} of y^e 15th I receiv'd but just now, and g^o co'd not let You Know of my willingness to do y^e Gent. You mention w^t Kindness lies in my power, as to his succeeding me here ; And y^s I shall do (if he please to embrace y^e motion) I will put him in to officiate for me till Candlemas, in w^{ch} time he may have opportunity to get friends in y^e parish, w^{ch} wth my interest I doubt not, if he be otherwise qualified, may do much for him. But wo'd he oblige me to espouse his Cause vigorously, he sho'd supply at Garstang til Candlemass. W^{ch} way so ever he do, 'tis like to be advantageous to him, and g^o I begg of You to let him Know my mind in y^s by a speciall Messenger upon sight hereof, and if he will not reward y^e Mes^r I will ; and also to return a line, to let me Know his intents, and thereby oblige y^r Serv^t. Distribute my Service to y^r Family. If y^e Gent. be not willing either to serve at Garstang or here till Candlemas, yet I hope he may be got to officiate on Sunday y^e 8th.

The Gent. (M^r Tayler) came to Garstang, and next week I rid down thither to be more certain w^t I had to do, In y^e mean time he had writ to me w^{ch} I received not till Jan. y^e 22^d. He writ thus.

¹ John Sawrey became incumbent of Lowick (a township 5 miles N. of Ulverston) in 1696. His successor was appointed in 1703. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

Mr Brookbank, I am y^s day come to Garstang, and shall there reside according to y^r request untill You have ordered y^r affaires at Colton to y^e best conveniency : I hope You will not be wanting to me in any thing y^r Interest can advantage me among y^r Parshrs w^{ch} if You be not (as I am informed) there is little question to be made, but I may be y^r Successour. Pray fail not to espouse my Cause as vigourously as you can according to promise, and in so doing you will oblige me to serve You in w^t ever lies wthin y^e verge of my power. This from y^r unknown, but faithfull Friend & Serv^t Tho: Taylor. Garstang Jan. 5. 98.

Next day I writ y^s to my Father.

Colton Jan. y^e 23^o 98. S^r. I being about to leave y^s place desire y^r assistance to remove my goods hence to Witherslack, by sending me two horses on Monday next if You can wth y^r Conveniency. Yesterday I had a sort of an invitation to Millom, from one who has great interest wth y^e Patron but I declin'd it, in y^t my word was gone, and my resolutions fixt upon Garstang, and also bec. I judg'd it a wrong time for me to improve my Interest in : However if I had been at Liberty, I think I sho'd have made use of my Friend, but being as it is, I hope I may expect help y^e beginning of next week, at w^{ch} time I design to see You, and in y^e Interim, am, and shall ever remain S^r Y^r Dutifull son & Serv^t T.B. My duty to Mother, and all Friends.

The following one I received on Thursday y^e 26th.

S^r. I have heard from M^r Richmond today, and by his letter he expects my stay at Garstang till You come, y^t so y^e parish may not be left vacant, w^{ch} will hinder my desire of being at Colton y^e next week. I pray you have me excused for one Sundays neglect at y^r place, and be as active for y^e promoting my Interest as You can in y^r parish, y^t so wⁿ I come, I may find as candid entertainm^t as a stranger can reasonably expect. This I thought convenient to acquaint You with, lest I sho'd disoblige any one before it be in my power to oblige y^m. No more at present but my hearty & cordial respects to You who am S^r Your humble Servant Tho: Taylor. Garstang, Jan 28. 98.

About y^s time I received w^t followes.

8br. 9th. 98. S^r I beg y^r advice and Assistance (pray pardon my boldness) in a matter of some difficulty y^t concerns me in y^r parts w^{ch} by y^r means may happily be redressed. The business is betwixt me and M^r Rowson, who I hear layes now in a very weak condition & likely for death : Of w^e I shall give You y^s short but impartiall account. We were much concern'd tog. for many years. At my removall hither we reckon'd betwixt ourselves only, I acknowledged all my debt to him w^e was some arrears of interest & y^e like, but in my absence there was some reckoning betwixt him and my wife, w^e I was ignorant of til I come up hither, but being it was not much, I thought to deferr it till our next meeting. About Nov^r 96. I writ to Rich. Dodson, how y^t by reason of y^e distraction about y^e coin, I desired my creditors to take y^r summs of my Debtors, Amongst

some others I desired Rich^d to speak to W^m Rownson to receive his of Rob^t Walker. Rich. answers my letter by his dated Dec. 2^d. 96 & therein tells me he had got W.R. & Rob^t W^r together, & y^t W^r agreed & consented to take his of Ro^t & Rob^t was willing to pay W^m his, & y^e rest to me. In Jan. following I came into y^e country my self. W^m confessed y^e same, & Rob^t accounted wth me for y^e overpluss, & p^d it there down but told me y^t according to Richards notion he had promised to pay W^m. his debt was 4^l 15^s or thereabouts, y^e day afterwards W^m told me he was content to take Rob^{ts} paym^t before severall Witnesses yet living. About a full year or more after, I heard y^t Rob^t was fled w^{thout} paying W^m all y^s sum, at w^{ch} I was very surpris'd & sent to W^m (having notice of his declining condition) for my note of memorandum lest he sho'd leave it to those y^t were ignorant of y^e concern. And he denies y^t ever he was content to take his paym^{ts}. This doubtless will occasion a sute at Law betwixt his Executors & me, if not speedily prevented, w^e I cannot conceive better to be done yⁿ in W^{ms} life time by y^r intercession. pray charge it home to him, acquainting him w^t an injury it will be to me, who otherwise might have prevented it in a years time if he had not been pleased wth y^e conditions, perswading him y^t in Conscience (if he have any), he ought to deliver my note. I co'd be content to bear part of y^e loss, y^t we might part friends, but if I must be left wholly to his Executors mercy, they shall win at y^e point of Law w^t y. get but I had rather it were decided in his life time by Rich. and y^r self yⁿ undergo y^e Expensive trouble of a sute at Law. Pray S^r y^r good Endeavours in y^s Business, perhaps wth Rich. Dodsons Assistance you may work upon him effectually, whereby You'l very much oblige y^r affectionate Friend & serv^t Thomas Myers.

'Twas writ at a place called S^t Maries as I understood by an other Letter from him.

The last of January I left Colton, but before I departed I writ two letters one to M^r Ja. Picthall * to desire him to be at Colton church on Sunday following to supply if y^{re} were occasion; y^e other to Tho. Turner y^e scholemaster to deliver y^e Key of y^e Church to my Landlord Rob^t Rownson. I arriv'd at Garstang Feb. y^e 2^d & thence writ by M^r Taylor, who was for Colton as followes, To my Father.

Kirkland near Garstang Feb. y^e 2^d. 98. S^r. I am safely arriv'd at y^s place from Lanc. to day, where I lodg'd last night at y^e Maremaid. I came safe to Lanc. about 8 a clock having pass'd by Heversham at 1. Burton ¹ at 2 &c. but can say nothing of y^e goodness of y^e wayes, in places they being rotten, otherwheres yet filled wth snow, and every where dirty, & mostly stormy and uneven. This morning I set out in a drisling rain w^{ch} bare me company to y^s place, but I had like to have come purse pennyless, for yesterday, my pocket split (~~agst~~ w^t rock I Know not) & most of y^e white men were fled, & had been lost but y^t y. co'd not hold their peace at my going to bed: They yⁿ cried out for help, and I was not so hard hearted but y^t I did my best to draw y^m up out of y^t gulf wherein they were a sinking, and found y^m more yⁿ I expected. I got y^m safe a shore,

¹ Burton is about 7 miles S. of Heversham.

& put y^m in a firmer bottom and in y^lr company am escaped both Scylla & Charybdis—

This To y^e Churchwardens & others concern'd in y^e affaires of y^e Parish of Colton

Garstang Feb. y^e 2^d. 9^o. Gentlemen, According to my promise & duty to provide for you, I have sent you a gentleman to supply till You shall provide for Y^r selves. He is a man of a civil conversation, & good report, & who (for anything y^t I can learn) wo'd be very suitable to succeed me at Colton. But I must leave You to y^r own choice, & do promise y^t upon sight of a recommendatory Letter from y^e 12 &c to resign up my Title, & also to write wth w^m You shall nominate to y^e B^d. I advise you y^e Church wardens, to lay a sess as soon as possible to defray Costs at Cartmel; & also to admit y^e Bearer M^r Taylor to officiate at Colton wth out disturbance—

Wth these I sent a Letter to my Landlord Rob^t Rownson, to desire him to be civil to this stranger. Next day Jas: Kellet brought my goods & wth him I thus writ to my Father.

Kirkland Jan.¹ y^e 3^d half hour past 10 at night 169^o. S^r. The (yet) unexpected arrivall of Ja: Kellet & my goods makes me give You y^e trouble of y^s so soon after a former, whereby (if you have receiv'd it) You may learn of my safe & prosperous Journey hither. My first letter sho'd have serv'd for all, had not I thought You expected to hear from me by y^s bearer, for I have nothing more to acquaint You wth yⁿ I had at y^e date of y^t except it be y^t James is not pd for his journey, & y^t y^s day I have bought 15^s worth of hey and got stable room & a groom for my horse. They Hey is cheap, if good can be thought so at 1^d ob ye stone. I have disbursed above 2^l since my coming, so y^t money begins to grow scarce, but I hope for recruits wⁿ M^r Richmond comes. I think I shall like a champian, plain country, and a free generous people, as well as y^e Craggs of Colton, and its Inhabitants more hardy yⁿ Craggs, but more of y^s hereafter: At present I am well, and hope y^s may find You in y^e like condition, and y^t I may not tire You, & g^o make You uneasy, by a tedious Letter, I conclude y^s wth dutifull respects to You & Mother &c as being, S^r, Y^r ever obedient son & Serv^t T.B.

This to M^r Richmond.

Kirkland Feb. 17. 9^o. Had I not expected You here, I wo'd e'r this have let You Know of my coming hither to reside, but y^e hopes of y^r presence did hold (perhaps) more pens yⁿ mine, & was y^e only reason why You needed to doubt whether I have Kept promise: But by y^s You may please to Know y^t I observ'd y^e time You allowed me exactly, by being personally present at Kirkland y^e 2^d of Feb. M^r Taylor left y^s place y^e same day, but want (I suppose) of money made him somew^t importunate for his wage, & because he was so, I paid him for 4 Sundays. He is now gone to Colton, but w^t hopes he has to be my Successour there I'm yet to

¹ [Sic] February is intended.

learn. I have view'd y^r house two or 3 times, and wo'd give you some account of w^t forwardness it is in, but y^t M^r Lucas may do it better yⁿ I : Only so much of my Thoughts I shall make bold to impart to You, as may let You Know, y^t I think nothing wo'd so much lead to y^e perfecting of your Edifice, as y^r personall presence, w^{ch} is desired by many, but by none more yⁿ by (Revd S^r) y^r humble s. & affec. B. T.B. I beg y^t my humblest service may be presented to M^{rs} Richmond, and also (if opportunity serve) to y^e Revd M^r Marsden.

This I receiv'd Feb. y^e 18th 9⁸.

S^r. These are to desire You to let y^e parish of Colton understand y^t I am there as y^r Curate at present, and so to continue untill You resign y^s place, for otherwise I cannot tell how to get any recompense for my paines. I think I can procure y^e friendship of most in y^e Parish, could I subsist a while without any assistance from y^m. All y^e civility I met with at y^r Quarters is to pay weekly for my Table, or else remove, w^{ch} I am about to do. Pray, let me hear from You as speedily as You can, and in so doing, you will oblige S^r y^r humble friend & Serv^t Tho: Taylor. Feb. 14. 9⁸. Colton.

Att y^e same time this.

Feb. 16. Ulverston. S^r. You sent me to Colton under y^e Notion of y^r Curate and under y^t notion I am willing to remain so long as You have any Authority in y^e place : w^{ch} some think will continue untill You make a Totall resignation of it. Pray let me have y^r sentiments about it, as speedily as You can, for You writ so concisely in y^e Letters You sent by me y^t y^s parish receives me under no other notion, but as a Competitor for y^e place, and so designs to treat me accordingly : for no allowance will be given to any y^t preaches there until y^e Election : and y^t must be deferr'd untill You resign, if no longer ; w^{ch} intervall I cann^t tell how to supply, unless I have some more encouragement from You yⁿ hither to I have had. I desire y^r answer with as much speed & safety as You can. Y^{rs} to Serve Tho: Taylor. My service to all y^t enquires for me.

These I answered thus. To M^r Taylor at Colton

Kirkland Feb. 19. 9⁸. M^r Taylor. Yesterday I received two Letters from You, both intimating y^t y^e parish receiv'd You under no other notion yⁿ as a Candidate for y^e place, and y^t gō, thō You think You co'd obtain y^e good will & affect. of most of y^e Inhabitants, You Know not well how to subsist till y^e Election, bec. nothing will be allowed You for officiating. Had not You been in such haste y^e last time I saw You, you sho'd have Known more of my mind, w^{ch} was and yet is y^t till an Election, you shall supply if You think fit, and if you can please y^r Auditors. But as for y^r pay you cannot suppose it so good & ready as her[e] : I have not yet received Sallery due at Candlemas, and gō do not wonder if nothing comes to y^r hands : However for y^r subsistence, I do hereby oblige my self to take care y^t who ever you now board wth shall be duly paid for y^r Commons (if y^e mount not proportionately higher yⁿ mine did) so long as You officiate

at Colton ; & do receive nothing from y^e Church wardens ; surplice fees may supply y^r other necessities. You may if You please shew this to y^e Church wardens, to let y^m understand y^t You serve for me, And if I pay You I shall expect to be repaid by y^e parish, and also to move y^m to press hard for an Election as soon as may be For til there be one I shall not resign ; The Masters Wage shall not be converted to manage [*a word illegible*], if their intentions were so sacrilegious. I am y^r Sincere Friend Tho: Brookbanke.

To — Goad y^s.

Garstang Feb. 18. 98. M^r Goad, I have long in vain expected y^e dues belonging to me for y^e marrying a woman of my Parish, at a Church to w^{ch} neither of You did belong. And You sho'd e'r this have heard from me by an other hand, but y^t I am too great a lover of peace to put You to any unnecessary Trouble. However, if You make not means to pay to John (or Rob^t) Rownson of Colton 5^s upon sight hereof or shortly after, expect to be called on both in y^e Spiritual court, and Common Law. I hope You will be thus much y^r own Friend, & thereby oblige y^r h. S^t

To William Walker at Ruzland.¹ id.

William Had You tendred me money for y^r wedding before I left Colton, I sho'd have been Kind : And yet I shall be satisfied if upon sight hereof You shall tender John Rownson of Colton a crown, & he return You one half thereof again. I advise You to do y^s as speedily as may be, for I shall shortly have occasion to y^e B^p. and inform him of such misdemeanours as have been in y^e Parish. Hereby You will befriend y^r self & also oblige Y^r affectionate Friend

To Thomas Kellet. id.

Thomas, I did much admire You wo'd not pay me y^e dues for wedding from me, before I left You : You sure did not consider how severe y^e Lawes are against such sort of Marriages. But 'tis y^r happiness y^t I am one y^t would willingly do ill to none, neither take advantage of y^e Law. I demand a crown of You, and if You be ready to tender it to John Rownson of Colton he shall return You one half again. If you delay it a crown perhaps will not please me. However I am y^r Sincere Friend T.B. Give my service to y^r Land Lord and other Friends.

To Richard Dodson at White stock-how. id.

Richard, Dues belonging to me for wedding out of y^r own Parish (I suppose) You Know to be one half so much as y^r Licence cost You : But if You'l please to pay y^m to my Landlords son, John, he shall take much less for me, being as I am very much oblig'd to y^r Father & Mother in Law, to w^m wth y^r other Relations in y^e Parish, I desire You to give my humble service as being their and also (S^r) y^r affectionate Friend & humble Serv^t T.B.

¹ Rusland is a hamlet in Colton.

These I enclosed in y^s to Jo: Rownson at Colton. id.

John, If You will undertake to be steward of y^e little concerns I have wth You, I shall be extreamly oblig'd to You, & (if I can) make you some requittal. If you will, here is a list of some small debts owing to me, w^{ch} I hereby order You to demand & receive of those who will pay You, and to return me y^e names of those who do refuse y^t I may imploy some other person, who may make y^m willing. These tickets I desire You to send to whom directed, having first sealed y^m & rectified y^e Superscriptions. I sho'd desire to hear from You, especially about y^r Church &c. I Know not yet whether I shall get to see You about Easter or no. Out of y^e first money You take from me give Mary Kirby 1^s & also 2^s 6^d tax wⁿ demanded. I have bought hey cheaper a great deal yⁿ y^t I desire You to dispose of. Give my love and service to y^r F. & Mo. & all Friends. I am Y^{rs} T.B.

To [illegible] ¹ at Kirkland-hall ²

Feb. 19. 9⁸ Robert, Let my not coming to You y^s morning at all discourage You, for 'tis not thrô any thoughts of y^r unfitness to receive y^e Holy Sact y^t I came not to administer it, but for other reasons, w^{ch} I think sufficient: However Know y^s y^t if you truly repent you of y^r sins, and firmly believe y^t J. C. hath suffered death for You, and y^t his blood was spilt for y^r Redemption, earnestly remembring y^e benefits thereof, and giving him thanks therefore, then You do eat & drink y^e Body and blood of X^t profitably for y^r Souls health. Y^r earnest desire in y^s case will be accepted (I assure You) as if You did receive y^e bread & wine. But y^s do you remember y^t w^t good purposes & *resolutions* You now have to amend y^r life, wⁿ it shall please God to restore You to health again, you yⁿ put y^m in practise, especially for y^e more meet & convenient communicating at Easter, w^{ch} I hope You will live to see. I am not now at leisure to give you any other, directions, only y^s y^t You wo'd desire some of y^r fellow serv^{ts} to read to you out of some good book, to raise y^r devotion, & to confirm You in y^r good resolutions. I am Y^r Sincere friend T.B.

This I received Feb. y^e 26. 98.

Liverpoole Feb. y^e 24th: 9⁸. Brother, I received y^r Letter & very glad to see it dated from Garstang, being under some doubts, y^t y^e Parish might think y^m selves slighted but am now of opinion y^t y. will be very well satisfied. We hasten every thing to be wth You as soon as possible, & I desire You to observe whether y^e house be dry enough to be inhabited, & if not to forward it wth good fires. Pray let y^e lime be brought wth all speed and spur on y^e Plaisterer in his business. Please to acquaint y^e Clark y^t Gabriel unreasonably demands 22^l for loss & I believe can't make out 2 before impartial Judges: y^s is so much out of measure y^t its to no purpose to offer at satisfying him, w^{ch} (wⁿ You know him) You will think impossible. Service to M^r Butler,³ his Lady, Coz. Blackburn, Clark &

¹ The name *might* be Ro. Valiant.

² Kirkland adjoins Garstang on the south and contains Garstang Parish Church and Kirkland Hall, which was the seat of the Butler family.

³ Of Kirkland Hall.

his second Self & all other Friends. My spouses service attends You. I am y^r affectionate Bro^r H. Richmond.

W^t followes I receiv'd March y^e 5th.

Coulton March 1st 1698^o. Kind S^r. I receiv'd y^r Letter y^e last Thursday, & I delivered all y^e Notes as You ordered me; and as for teaching schollers I demanded it of y^m all w^{ch} was in y^e Bill, & Jos. Pennington s^d he wo'd pay none, & others s^d y. wo'd refuse it till You come over, and I received 2^s 6^d of Will. Walker, & he was very willing to pay it, & I sent y^r note to Rich. Dodson from y^e Church wth his Tenant Rowland, & I desired him to let me have an answer back from him, & y^s in answer w^{ch} I have enclos'd.* So after I had received y^e answer w^{ch} he sent to me, I went & spake to him my self, & he was willing to pay me half a crown, but my Cozen Martha did boast very hard, & said y^t 1^s 4^d was y^r due, & she was very earnest wth him to pay no more, but he s^d he wo'd pay me it y^e next asking, & as for Tho. Kellet he s^d he wo'd content You wⁿ You come to Colton. & I sent y^r note to M^r Will Goad & I received no answer from him, but I think to have an answer from him shortly, & for M^r Ja Fell I did not speak to him yet, so y^t I can give you no satisfaction of him, & Ja: Scotson is satisfied about y^e Money w^{ch} You ordered Rob^t Burton to pay him, & we sent all y^e Sermons to Ja. Scotson, & I do not Know who y. will pitch on to serve our Church, for I believe most of y^e Parish is for M^r Wilson Parsons [*sic*] so^me [time] of Windermere, w^{ch} I suppose You Know him, but till there be an Election, I can give you no satisfaction of it, but I believe y. do not approve of M^r Taylor, for he is a very near Gentleman, for we tabled him about 8 or 10 dayes, & he wo'd pay nothing for his Table, & he was very Idle so y^t we wo'd Keep him no longer, and he was boarded at Bartlo: Peningtons since, & now he is boarded at Miles Postlethwaites now, & M^r Taylor did but preach two Sundayes since he came, & I have sould y^r hay for 3^d a stone, but y. have not taken it away yet, but hey is very plentiful now, & my Father & Mother desires to be remembered to You, & I have given Mary Kirkby 1^s according to Y^r order, & no more but your affectionate friend & humble serv^t John Rownson. I pray excuse me for I was in haste.

Dick Dodsons answer mentioned herin was y^s.

* To M^r John Rownson att Colton.

Cousin I have received a letter from Parson Brockbank, to w^{ch} You require a speedy Answer (I suppose) You Know y^e contents. Its for a Due (as he calls it) for wedding out of y^e Parish. My Father tendred him as much as was usually taken, w^{ch} he refused, But he neither yⁿ nor now tells w^t is really belonging to him. So before I pay I will Know his demands to a farthing, for as I am unwilling to exceed his due, so I scorn y^t he sho'd loose any of it at my hands. If he has ordered You w^t to take I shall pay it to You at our meeting w^{ch} (at y^e longest) may be y^s day sevensnight, And I hope for w^t You receive You'l give advantage to Y^r Kinsman Rich^d Dodson. White-stock-hall. 26 Feb. 9^o.

To John Rownson

Kirkland near Garstang March y^e 22. 1698. John, I now at length return You thanks for y^r Letter & care about my small concerns, begging of You to oblige me further y^e same way wⁿ occasion serves. I cannot tell wⁿ I shall be wth You, for y^e whole charge of y^s large parish is upon me, so y^t it will not be possible to perform w^t I intended y^e Administring Sac^t at Colton at Easter. And bec. I cannot come I put You in power to receive of Churchwardens, y^e half yeares sallery & 2^s 6^d due to me from y^m. I perceive my Debtors are somew^t unwilling to part wth money, but pray advise y^m to pay a little in love rather yⁿ more wth vexation to y^m selves and me. I am not naturally litigious, yet am not to be befooled out of my just rights. If any be poor I shall be charitable, but first they must show y^m selves honest. Coz. Dick I find is got upon y^e high ropes, full of his scornes, & (w^{ch} is worse) untruths : He sayes his Father tendered me as much as was usually taken, but I say (if my word may go as far as y^t of an Attorney's clerk) his Father never offered me one cross about y^t unlawfull wedding. My old sweetheart Pat. also seems somew^t hot, but a few ill winters may cool her. If w^t I ordered You to take, be paid, I shall say no more about it ; if not, & if points of honour be stood upon, I shall demand my dues not in Farthings (as the exact man is willing I sho'd) but in shillings, & perhaps a few pounds may not satisfy all. I forgot to tell You in my last y^t Jo: Walker of Hollow Oak owes me 5^s w^{ch} (my service presented to him) You may ask him, and desire him to tell the honest slater, y^t y^e 5 or 600 Nailes he has of mine cost me money w^{ch} I wo'd have in again. Some weekes ago some ships and a great many persons perish'd near Liverpool but to qualify y^s sorrow last week came 16 Ships loaden wth wheat, barley, Peas &c, and two are come into Ribble. I wo'd gladly see Colton, but I Know not wⁿ I shall have opportunity. Pray give my service to Y^r Father & Mother &c. and all Friends, and think me perswaded I am in earnest wⁿ I subscribe myself y^r sincere friend [T.B.] If y^e Collector of Briefs come to You tell him where I am.

To M^r Penny.¹

S^r. I cannot in person wait upon You wth thanks for y^r Many Kindnesses and $\overline{g}$ send y^s in my stead to assure You y^t I am very sensible of y^m all, & ready (Knew I but how) to make You some suitable return. But my poor circumstances incapacitate me so much y^t I can make You & y^e rest of my Friends in y^e Parish no other requittall, yⁿ of hearty desires of y^r happiness, especially in a more worthy person to serve y^r Cure yⁿ I am. W^t M^r Tayler is I Know not otherwise yⁿ by report, yet hope he may please You, at least till you can pitch upon an other : If not I desire y^e Churchwardens or 12 to let me Know it, & I shall either provide You an other, or y. may provide for y^m selves, w^{ch} I earnestly wish y. wo'd do, y^t my care as to y^e particular man may be at an end. And $\overline{g}$ I begg of You to move for an Election wth all speed : And also to acquaint y^e Churchwardens y^t I cannot be wth y^m at Easter, but (I believe) my Father wo'd.

¹ James Penny of Penny Bridge, in the township of Egton with Newland, in the par. of Ulverston. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

be willing to & $\bar{g}\bar{o}$ y. wo'd take care for me to administer Sac^t. I believe my F. wo'd be willing to be wth You on Friday, but cannot on Sunday. If You wo'd honour me wth a line, I sho'd desire to hear w^t becomes of our depending Sute, and newes if You have any. Pray S^r at y^r best convenience give my Service to all Friends, especially at Penny bridge, Lendyn, Ulverston, Conyshead &c, and accept y^e same from S^r Y^r much obliged Friend & humble Serv^t T.B.

To y^e Rev^d M^r Jo: Brockbank at Witherslack

S^r. I do not yet repent for changing soil, and you need not much fear but y^t y^e shrub, w^{ch} grew well among barren rocks, will thrive in a more rich Country. I thought to have been at y^e Assizes & from y^m have come to visit You, but Easter is near at hand, so I shall not stirr till y^t be past. I have writ to y^e Coltoners y^t y. might send to You to administer on Good Friday to y^m but You may use y^r Liberty, & pray do not in y^e least incommode y^r self for y^t & be sure not to stir wth out being sent for. About 3 weekes ago 3 ships and some 30 or 40 persons were destroyed by a sudden storm near Leverpool, and last week 16 ships came thither Loaden wth wheat, barly Oates Peas &c. all in y^r Kind extraordinary good, & 2 into Ribble, but corn here is at a great rate. In y^e South East partes of y^s Country and in y^e Edge of Yorkshire a great many die of y^e bloody flux, but here we are mostly in good health. My Friend Marsden has been sick of y^e Gout. w^{ch} has used him hardly. My Patron Richmond & his Lady came hither last Monday, & abundance of extraordinary Goods are come for y^m from Leverp. I live very easy & pleasantly here, & hope not to change for y^e worse wⁿ we go into y^e new house: on Monday we had a good christening at M^r Butlers, where were a deal of Gentry. I desire my duty & service may be presented to w^m due, & to subscribe my self S^r y^r d. S. & h. Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Jo: Townson Ulverston Carrier at y^e Swan wth two nexks in Lanc.

Garstang Mar. 23^o 1698³. Honest John, I desire You to convey these Letters to w^m directed and I shall take care either at Lancaster or Ulverston to pay You for Y^r care. I am y^r sincere friend Tho: Brockbank. My service to all Friends,

W^t follows I received Ap. y^e 2^d, 99.

S^r. I am now at Jam. Richmonds near Garstang bridge where I am very desirous to have Y^r Company half an hour after evening prayer: for I have particular occasion for You: I am unwilling to come to y^e Church town it being y^e Sabbath day, & some other reasons w^{ch} I shall discover wⁿ I see You, pray fail not y^r Friend & serv^t Tho: Taylor.

I answerd y^s by a personal attendance. W^t followes I received Ap. y^e 6th.

Colton March y^e 26 (99). S^r. I received y^r Letter y^s day of M^r Penny, & shall oblige my self to be as carefull of y^r Concerns as I can (if God willing).

however to fullfill y^r first Letter I sent y^r note to Ja: Machel & he said y^t You might have demanded it y^r self, & he wo'd have contented You w^t ever, and he is not willing to pay above half a crown, so I have received nothing of him yet ; & for my Cozen Dick he promised me as I told You in y^e last letter, y^t he wo'd pay me y^e next Sabbath day ; now he sayes y^t his Father spake to M^r Lambert about it, and he told him, y^t he need pay nothing but 1^s 4^d due for wedding, & I spooke to him y^s day, & he said he perhaps wo'd see You himself at y^e Assizes at Lanc. & he wo'd content You, & I have sould y^r hay & there was 58 stone w^{ch} comes to 14^s 6^d at 3^d a stone, & I have got pay for it, & I wo'd Know whether I must send You y^r money or Keep it til You come over : and I can give You no satisfaction about y^e Church, for there is no Election yet ; but there is many old people y^t dies about us, for there is three burials of a day & y^r Cozn Tho: Rawlinson was buried y^e 12th day of March, & he ordered y^m to send for y^r Father to preach his funeral & he could not come for he had promis'd to be at Crosfell on y^t day & we are all in good health praise God for y^e same & my Father & mother humbly desires to be remembered to You, & I wo'd Know whether I must pay y^e poor assess, y^t was due before Candlemas. And no more at present, but y^r obliged friend & servant J: Rownson

Thus I answered.

Kirkland Ap. y^e 6 (99) John Upon receipt of y^{rs} I put pen to paper to let You Know thereof, & to thank You for y^r Care about my Concerns. And in answer to w^t You write, bec. Ja. Machel seems willing to pay, take of him 2^s 6^d as of others, if y. yet be so wise as to give it You. I cannot think of seeing any w^{thout} y^e greatest regret, & declare to You I wo'd more willingly part wth money out of my pocket yⁿ be forced to make use of y^e Law to right me : but if my debtors constrain me, let y^m Know y^t they not I are y^e litigious persons. You may Keep w^t money You have for me till I come over w^{ch} I intend to do soon after Easter, M^r Taylor was wth me Sunday last & told me y^t many dies wth You. If You meet wth any one y^t wants a horse You may let y^m Know y^t I shall sell mine if I can wⁿ I come over. I have little or no business for him myself & am unwilling to Keep him for otherfolks service, tho I can Keep him here cheaper yⁿ at Colton. Poors assess must be pd, but I suppose y^e overseer will stop part of it in y^e Masters wage. I live very well here, but have not since I came seen one face of my former acquaintances : if any of y^r neighbours have occasion to pass y^s way I sho'd be glad to see y^m. Give my service to all, to y^r F. & M^r especially, & accept y^e same from y^r Sincere friend T.B.

Now I am in y^e journey towards Witherslack, and at Lancaster take time to send y^s—To John Rownson at Colton.

Ap. y^e 28. (99). John, I intend (if nothing extraordinary prevent me) to be at Colton on Weddensday-night, or Thursday morning ; and gō if y^s reach You before Sunday, You may please to acquaint y^e old Churchwardens therewth on y^t day, and others. I shall bring my horse with me & expose him to Sale, if any be for buying him. I am in haste & gō I begg

of You to pardon y^e abruptness of Y^r Sincere friend T.B. My service to F. & M. & all Friends. If y^s come by a special messenger do you pay him, & I shall repay You.

To Jo: Townson y^e Ulverstone Carier at y^e Swan wth 2 necks in Lanc.

Honest John, I desire You to convey y^s to w^m directed; and if You cannot otherwise, hire a special Messenger to get it to Colton before service on Sunday Morning, & I shall take care he shall be paid: I hope to see You at Ulverston on Thursday next, & satisfy You for y^r care & carriage of Letters for me. Or if I see you not y^t night, leave a bill with y^r wife, and I shall pay her. I am y^r sincer friend T.B.

This at my return to Lancaster

Lan. May y^e 6^o. 99. S^r. I am safely arrived at y^s Town, but had not much time to spare on y^e sand, for y^e flood was near me at Kear.¹ I came to y^e Maremaid about 11 y^a to y^e Church and so to dinner on a piece of fresh Salmon. The haste I am in may excuse y^s abruptness from S^r Y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B. My duty to all.

At my return to Kirkland I met wth y^s.

April 24—99. S^r. These are to acquaint You y^t M^r Charnly and some few of his adherents begin to make a disturbance in y^e Parish of Colton, about y^e Election of a Minister, and will not proceed after y^e usuall & Customary manner, in carrying on y^r design, but intend to get some few hands for M^r Wilson, in order to y^e obtaining a licence to the place: w^{ch} You Know is a very irregular way of proceeding, and w^{ch} is a thing, I believe, will much disgust y^e Generality of y^e Parish, if it take effect. If you do not come over y^s week to Coulton Y^r self, we desire You wo^d write to Chester to frustrate such a design; for y^e method they design to take may be speedily accomplished. The Truth hereof is attested by us. Certified: Tho. Taylor, Tho: Chapman; Joseph Penington. If you could be here upon Sunday next you might do me a great Kindness.

Silv. Richmond ² being come to Kirkland I writ this To y^e Rev^d M^r Marsden at y^e vicaridge at Walton

Kirkland near Garstang May y^e 17. (99) Rev^d S^r. Now at length I return You thanks for removing me from among y^e Rocks into y^s Champion Country, where I find as great alteration in y^e people as in y^e soil. You had heard from me e^r this, but y^t I was willing to have some little Tryall of y^e place before I writ, w^{ch} I find much more easy and agreeable y^a y^t I left. M^{rs} Richmond was y^s morning delivered of a D^r ³ & I suppose You have heard y^t S^r Will: Lowther is lately made y^e Father of a Fair son.⁴

¹ The river Keer falls into the sea near Carnforth.

² Silvester Richmond was an elder brother of Henry Richmond, Vicar of Garstang.

³ Sara, bapt. at Garstang, 21 May, 1699.

⁴ Sir William Lowther had two sons, Thomas (*d.* 1745) and Preston. The former is probably the one noted here.

I am in some doubt whether it be necessary for me speedily to take a Licence for officiating here, but hope to be satisfied by You wⁿ You take y^r Northern Journey: In y^e mean time I begg of You to honour me wth y^r good Opinion, & permitt me to subscribe my self (Rev^d S^r) Y^r much obliged friend and humble serv^t T.B. My humblest service attends Y^r Daughters.

Parson Richmond ¹ brought me this from Walton.

Walton May 16th—99. S^r. I am thankful to You for y^r Kind letter, and very glad y^t y^r removal to Garstang is to y^r content. I can assure You y^t M^r H. Richmond on y^e other hand is well pleas'd wth You. He lately thanked me for You in a letter to his Brother & described You to be a person of an humble easy temper & one y^t is content wth everything &c. You will be happy in each other while You remain together and y^e good Man will not be so far guilty of Self love as to desire to Keep You when some advantage may invite You to an other place. I rejoyce for his health, & for his Ladies safe deliverance, please to salute y^m both in my name, & tell y^m I am their humble serv^t. Our pens have been silent too long, let it be so no more. If they onely report our health, when other arguments are out of y^e way, it will suffice. You will perhaps make us one or two visits here before y^e Summer is run out, and I may do y^e like to Garstang. I am S^r Y^r humble serv^t Tho: Marsden.

To y^e right revd. Father in God Nicholas Lord B^p of Chester

Colton Maij ult. (99). My Lord, M^r Marsden having recommended me to M^r Richmond Vicar of Garstang to be his Curate, I have (by way of Probation) officiated at y^t Church for some time, but in y^e interim took care of y^s place by sending one M^r Tho: Taylor to supply in my stead: may y^s g^o inform y^r Lords^p y^t y^s M^r Taylor does give content to all or most of note (excepting some few perverse men whose business is to foment strife) in y^e parish: Thus I have learnt from y^m selves who are readdy to subscribe with him to y^r Lords^p for a Licence, but I am not willing as yet to resign partly bec. some dues belonging to me are not pd. but chiefly y^t y. might have further triall of him, lest in him a stranger, y. sho'd meet wth a 2^d Batty: I speak not y^s as if I Knew any ill of y^e Man, but bec. he is unknown to me. My L^d, if herin, or in any thing els I have offended y^r Lords^p I humbly begg y^r L^s pardon, & information of my fault, y^t by avoiding it for y^e future I may approve my self in all sincerity to be, w^t I make bold to subscribe my self (my L^d) Y^r L^s humble & ob. ser. T.B. If y^r L^s shall please at any time to let me know y^r L^s pleasure concerning y^s or any other affair, you may please to direct y^rs to me at Garstang.

¹ Richard Richmond, eldest brother of Henry R., Vicar of Garstang. He was instituted Vicar of Garstang, 1679, Vicar of Sefton, 1684, Rector of Walton-on-the-Hill, 1690, and *d.* 1721. He mar. Mary Dudell in 1692, and had sons, Richard and Silvester, and a dau. Elizabeth. (Fishwick's *Garstang*.)

My Lord was pleas'd to return y^s answer.

Good S^r. I am not displeased at y^r leaving of Colton, but sorry, y^t you are forced to take up wth a Curacy, & wish it were in my power to make better provision for You. I pray Let me Know, where M^r Taylor formerly officiated, & by w^m he was ordained, & get y^e best information you can concerning his carriage & behaviour, & tell him y^t I shall not grant him a Licence to Colton, unless he bring me very good Testimonials of his unblamable, & exemplary conversation. That God would bless y^r Ministry wth good success is y^e prayer of S^r Y^r affectionate Brother N. Cestriens. Chester June 10th 1699 My Service to M^r Richmond.

This I sent a way to M^r Taylor at Colton.

Kirkland June y^e 14 (99). M^r Taylor. Since I saw You I writ to y^e Bishop about You, and on tuesday last received y^s Answer.—Good S^r & ut supra. You see w^t y^e B^p. requires both of You & me & $\bar{g}o$ y^t I may satisfy him about y^r ordination & where You have formerly served, I desire You to inform me of both in 2 lines as speedily as You can. Assure y^r self I shall do any thing I can for you wth a safe conscience, and if you prove not y^r Own Enemy, I shall still remain Y^r affectionate Friend to serve You in w^t I may T: B: Give my service to all Friends & pray give not y^r Enemies occasion to say any more, y^t you love to sit late at y^e Ale-house.

I return'd answer also to M^r Marsden, Thus,

Kirkland June y^e 15 (99.) S^r Bec. you are unwilling y^t our pens sho'd be silent, I have now made mine speak to let You Know how ambitious I am to honour my self & please You by an Epistolary Correspondence: were not my dull pate very empty of Complements, I might never be at a loss for fustian to stuff a sheet with, but indeed sincerity and they are such contraries y^t I had rather be quite devoid of y^e one, yⁿ be thought to want the other, & $\bar{g}o$ had rather in a barren Laconic style accost my Friends yⁿ impose upon y^m wth y^e most florid Cretan fallacies: This I say y^t You may not expect from me any long harangues of numerous Elocution, but believe y^t I am in real earnest wⁿ in short I tel You I am very glad to hear so frequently as I do of y^e welfare of You and Y^{rs} (particularly y^t y^r Son is come safe to shore after a prosperous voyage) and y^t I very gratefully resent y^e many undeserved Kindnesses y^t I have received from You; I hope e'r long to wait upon You at Walton wth thanks for y^m all. I had a letter from y^e B^p y^s weeke—wherin he tells me he is not displeased at my leaving Colton but y^t he is sorry I am forced to take up wth a Curacy: I shall thank his Lordship for his good thoughts, but do expect no great matter from him who has so many to provide for. We are all well at the Vicaridge, & all at y^r service, but none so much as S^r Y^r very much obliged Friend T.B. Pray divide my Service in y^r Family, & (if You please) give a share thereof to y^e Parson of Walton.

This I never sent, for I heard M^r Marsden was a coming Northwards, and $\bar{g}o$ I kept it. I received y^e following Letter y^e 16^o.

June 23. 99. S^r, I received y^{rs} yesterday wherein You desire me to satisfy You about my ordination, & where I have formerly serv'd ; As to y^e former, my ordination was at Wiggan, by y^e present Bishop of Chester, it will be 5. or 6 yeares since I am not certain whether y^e next Ordination, for I have not my deacons orders wth me in y^s part of y^e Country. M^r Brickhall of Holland¹ was ordained Priest at y^t time, and preached in y^e afternoon. As for my Carriage & Behaviour I suppose it will be needless trouble to get Testimonialls from all y^e places where I have serv'd since I was ordain'd, y^e last place methinks may be sufficient, and y^t was wood Plumpton² joyning to y^r Parish, where I served 2. yeares, & thô my conversation among y^m at all times was not so regular as to be devoid of all invidious reflections even of an Enemy, yet I think (who am likeliest to Know) y^t there can be nothing proved so criminall, as to obstruct my present design, if a favourable and candid construction be put upon my Actions. After y^e expiration of y^e first year, & a considerable entrance upon y^e 2^d I designed to have gone to Chester for priests Orders, w^{ch} design M^r Robinson informed y^e Bishop of, and accordingly he sent a Si quis as it is termed to wood Plumpton, w^{ch} M^r Robinson publicly read in y^e Chappel, and no objection was made to y^e contrary, w^{ch} I think may suffice for y^t I hear y^e Bishop will shortly be at Wiggan ; pray let me Know of his coming.

To y^e Right Revd Father in God Nicholas Lord B^p. of Chester—at Wiggan.

Garstang July y^e 13. 99. My Lord, I hope y^r L^{op} will please to pardon my seeming neglect in answering y^{rs} wⁿ y^r L^p shall understand my silence was caused thro want of Knowledge of y^e person You write about : I have made enquiry concerning him, & find by y^e best information I can get, y^t his Father is a Dissenter living at Bolton, who design'd his son to be one of y^e Preachers & to y^t end sent him to M^r Frankland.³ The Young Man continued wth y^t M^r for some time, but being convinc'd y^t y^t way was erroneous he left his Teacher & Errors at once, since wⁿ his Father wo'd allow him nothing towards his maintenance. He officiated a while at Winwyck, in place of one of y^e Curates, afterwards he serv'd at Wood-Plumpton in S^t Mich. Parish ; Then he supplied a while at Garstang, where he has y^e name of a civil good natured man, & a pretty Preacher : Wⁿ I came hither he begged of me to let him supply at Colton 'til one sho'd be licenced to y^t place, I pitying his poor Condition writt wth him to y^e Coltoners, y^t he might serve y^m a while, & y. very readily accepted, and do generally approve well of him. As to his Morals & Learning I can say little, onely y^s y^t where I Know no ill I dare fancy none : He is a Man of very few words, but these few (generally) very pertinent. He was ordained Deacon by y^r L^p at Wigan five or six yeares ago (So he tells me but I did

¹ William Birchall* was instituted Vicar of Upholland in 1694. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

² Wood Plumpton is a township in the par. of St. Michaels-on-Wyre, and is 4 miles N.W. of Preston.

³ Richard Frankland* (1630-98), Nonconformist tutor, established an academy for the training of ministers at Rathmell, Yorks, in 1670. (*D.N.B.*)

not see his Orders) and since did design to be ordained Priest, whereof y^r Lp was informed by M^r Robinson. & thereupon y^r Lp. sent a Si quis to Plumpton w^{ch} M^r Robinson did publish but want of Money or some such thing not any crime objected agst him made him give over y^t design. Y^r Lp may please to Know y^t one M^r Will : Rawlinson a Quaker in Furness Fells has an Estate left by a deceased relation on condition he will turn to y^e Church, & y^t y^e s^d Rawlinson has given out he will be confirmed by y^r Lp. & get y^r certificate, w^{ch} he thinks sufficient to make him a Churchman in Law. This Information may prevent surprize, & in some measure prove me to be y^e Churches, & also my Lord Y^r Lps obediant son & humble serv^t T.B.

To John Rownson at Colton.

Garstang Aug. y^e 4. (99). John, Tis now methinks a great while since I troubled you wth a scribe, and $\overline{g\bar{o}}$ (to Keep You from Idleness) send y^s now to commission You to give my service to all our Friends (especially at y^r house) and to tell y^m y^t I sho'd be glad to see y^m on Sunday y^e 13^o of y^s month at Colton Church. You may if you please tell M^r Taylor to get y^e Churchwardens word to be ready wth y^{tr} sallery at Miles Postlethwaites on Saturday before, bec. I shall not be willing to meddle wth money on Sunday ; and (if you will) acquaint any y^e see y^t I shall have a horse to sell at y^e same place and time. I thought to have seen y^r Mother here y^s summer in her way to Liverpool, but I now begin to despair : I find mothers can keep from y^{tr} sons, witness my own who told me she wo'd see me at Garstang before Winter. I think I have no more to write, but y^t I am Y^r sincere Friend Tho. Bro.

To y^e $\overline{R\bar{e}v\bar{d}}$ M^r Jo: Brockbank at Witherslack.

S^r. On Sunday y^e 13^o Inst I am to be at Colton & preach there, & on Friday before I intend to be at Haverthwaite fishing (where I hear You design to be sometime before summer be done) if y^r convenience wo'd let you, I sho'd be glad to meet You there y^t we might see our Friends together : If not, I hope to see You at Witherslack about y^t time. I have but just so much time as to give my duty & service to You, Mother & all Friends & to subscribe my self S^r Y^r Dutifull Son & Serv^t T.B.

[A line of MS. follows here which has been cut through by the binder, and is illegible except for the last few words : " wth as much speed."]

After a Journey to Liverpool wth M^r Richmond, and his Lady, I return'd y^s to M^r Richmond w^m I left there.

Kirkland. Sept. y^e 23^d. 99. past 10 at night. S^r. I hope y^s may find good reception since it informs You, of dear Sall's¹ good health, & prosperous state of y^r affaires at y^s place. And sho'd I tell You of my safe arrivall here I presume, 'two'd not be unacceptable. I came to Preston about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour past one, and delivered y^e Letters I had in charge

¹ Henry Richmond's daughter Sarah.

as directed ; Thence, in company of some smart showers of hail and rain, I proceeded on y^e way home, where noe sooner (all most) was I arrived, but Young Fowler came to seek for a Letter : I told him w^t I Knew of his matters, and he begs of You to make some further Enquiry. Since You left Kirkland some Papists have been interred, and tomorrow I expect y^e Corps of M^r Salloms D^r. Pretty Mary Lukas is very ill of y^e small Pox, and some say in Danger : but to drive away sorrow y. talk of a Winchester wedding to be here on Monday. Here have been great floods, w^{ch} have swept a way much corn & damaged more. Perhaps there are other things y^t I sho'd acquaint You wth, but y. do not come into my dull pate at present, onely y^e Remembrance of y^r Friends Favours makes me put you to y^e trouble of returning to each my humble Service, wth thanks for y^r many Civilities : I don't particularize for my Acknowledgmt is generall, including Leverpool, Walton, & Orford ; but still y^e Chief share belongs to Y^r Lady, & Y^r Self since I am . S^r Y^r humble obliged Friend & serv^t T.B. Pardon night work.

To M^r Marsden

Kirkland September y^e 26. (99). S^r. The fatigue of my Journey I hope will excuse me for not returning You Thanks y^e first opportunity : but now being refresh'd I sho'd be inexcusable if silent. Y^r (altogether) undeserved Favours have inspired me wth poetic Rhapsodies, w^{ch} sho'd I vent, You might justly suspect y^m counterfeit : and g^o I chuse rather to let you Know y^e sentiments of my heart in y^s dull, & unsuspicious style. I gratefully acknowledge You (S^r) the cause of my removall from among Rocks & mountains, where I might have bien buried alive ; and to You I am obliged for w^t ever of pleasure or profit I have reap'd by y^t Change. The Kind, free, and diverting entertainment of y^r house is Sufficient to impress indelible characters of Love and Gratitude upon any disposition, y^t is not altogether rude & barbarous ; but w^t has laid an eternall Obligation upon me is y^r generous, honourable, and advantageous proposall. I want Words to Express my Thoughts, or els I'd tell You, I have a heart y^t makes a due estimate of y^r offer, and resents y^r Kindness as it deserves. But, S^r, I have learn'd y^t Liberality consists in taking as well as in giving, and y^e way for a poor Man to express his Vertue is by refusing w^t his poverty makes him unfit to receive. 'Tis a little spark of Generosity y^t has hitherto made me backward to spurr on my own happiness, and it may be construed y^e greatest respect & truest affection to let y^e beloved object remain above, rather yⁿ endeavour to bring it on y^e same low Level wth its humble Adorer ; And I don't see how y^t Man can pretend love who wo'd reduce his M^{rs} from a plentiful and easy, to a poor and troublesome Condition. My own mean Circumstances make me speak y^s and th^o I can be well content under y^m yet I wish y^m better'd e'r I settle mine Affections.

I begg y^r candid Construction of w^t I say, and please to Know y^t y^e supposed Remora once remov'd I think there's nothing wo'd stopp me. Indeed Parents are to be consulted and obey'd ; but y^e consent of mine I need not question in any thing tending to my Advantage. The only remaining Difficulty to be surmounted is a Fear y^t y^e blunt honest Lover

sho'd make shipwreck at y^e Port, or be denyed admittance into y^e desired Haven. Pray pardon y^e length and faults of y^s and continue to honour with y^r good opinion him who desires to live no longer yⁿ while he practiceth honesty, and approves himself to be (S^r) Y^r Sincere obliged Friend & humble Serv^t T.B. Pray give my service to y^e Rev'd parson of Walton, & deliver y^s as directed or els to y^e flames.

To M^{rs} Eliz. & M^{rs} Ann Marsden ¹

Kirkland 7^r 26 (99). Ladies, If You have a minute of spare time, You may Please to employ one half on this ; or if that be too much, wth a glance see at y^e bottom who 'tis y^t accosts You, and at once cast him and his Letter quite out of y^r Thoughts. This perhaps is y^e best course You can take, for I dare promise nothing but trouble from either ; The Writer is rough and unpolish'd, and his pen runs harsh and uneven. Or if You have y^e Courage to hazzard Eyes and Ears, y^t softness must qualify y^e hardness of my Expressions, and make y^s humble acknowledgment of y^r Extraordinary civilities not altogether so ungratefull as my fears cause me to suspect. Y^r innate goodness emboldens me to hope y^s and also y^t You'l pardon w^{tever} Guilt my Rudeness hath stain'd me wth, particularly y^t of leaving Walton w^{thout} Kissing y^r fair hands. Durst I presume farther upon y^r Patience and good Nature, I w^{o'd} imitate beggars, who return empty prayers for substantiall benefits : And indeed so poor am I that I have no other return to make. To tell You I am entirely Y^{rs} w^{o'd} seem Complement, & sho'd I offer not only my service but self I fear y^e Oblation w^{o'd} be thought unworthy acceptance ; so y^t Nil nisi Vota supersunt, pardon y^t scrap of Latin, my English meaning is, I am rich in nothing but wishes and of these I send up 10000 y^t You may enjoy w^t ever can make You happy, I include in y^s w^t you please and be assur'd, if any thing ly in my power tending to y^t 'tis y^r fault not mine if You be wth out it ; This You may depend upon since I am fully resolv'd to be Ladies Y^r most faithfull and obed^t Serv^t T.B.

To John Rownson at Colton.

Sep^r 29. 99. Honest John, Last week I was at Leverpool, and there saw y^r Brother in good health, who Sends y^e enclos'd wth his duty to y^r Father. I long to hear how squares go amongst You, and gō by an Information from You, w^a y^r convenience will allow it. I have nothing of newes to tell You, nor of any other trouble to put You to, but to give my Kind love and service to all Friends at y^r house and elsewhere as you shall see y^m and to accept y^e same from Y^r Sincere obliged Friend T.B.

To my Father.

Sept. 29. 99. S^r. Last week M^r Richmond and his Lady took me wth y^m to Leverpool, where for their sakes, I met wth noble entertainment : I lodged 3 nights there, and 2 at Walton, wth my good Friend Marsden, whose undeserved Kindnesses almost tempt me to embrace his offer, w^{ch} is both generous and honourable : His younger D^r is about marrying

¹ Daughters of the Rev. Thomas Marsden of Walton.

wth a Gentleman of a consdierable Estate, y^e other will yet stay a little longer for my worship, & stay shall except you be as willing as any of y^e parties. I am in no haste for a wife, but y^s woman is discreet and vertuous, and tho her portion be but small, yet an Interest by her may make it great. I fancy y^e old Vicar of Walton has more yⁿ an ordinary respect for me ; I am sure y^e Obligations he has laid on me are extraordinary, and I think a more intimate converse wth his person & Library wo'd much better my Intellectualls if not Morals too : Y^r advice is desired, w^{thout} w^{ch} I shall not do anything of Moment : If you'l please to write to me get Y^{rs} to Harry Cowperthwaite wth post pd. or wth out to be left by any y^t comes to Lancaster wth M^r Hopkins and I shall receive it. My duty, love, & service to y^r Self, Mother, Relations & friends concludes this from Y^r Obedient son & serv^t T.B.

To M^r Richmond at Orford.

Kirkland Sep. 29. 99. S^r. Since my last no extraordinary accident has happen'd here worth relating, but such occurrences as y^s time produced You may not be unwilling to Know, and gō I shall relate. On Sunday I baptiz'd 2 children & buried a d^r of M^r Sallom ; on Tuesday I married Tho: Winder & Margaret ——— & buried an old woman from Wiersdale ; On Weddensday After prayers I christen'd a Son of Christ. Saul, and assisted little Mary Lukas, who was yⁿ and yet remains in a very weak & dangerous condition : The writing M^r has a great number of schollars, who are very rude, and of whom y^e Churchwardens made a heavy complaint Sunday last, & if my opinion sho'd be ask'd, I wo'd freely declare y^m unfit to learn to wright in any church except by a M^r who co'd guide y^m : Ralph Latus tells me his corn is so shaped y^t he intends to make up his grounds for all sort of cattle, in hopes y^t w^t y^e wind has Sown y^s yeare may grow up y^e next : and gō desires You not to depend upon his Eddage for y^r Cowes. I Sign'd a warrant y^s week in y^r name for removing some vagrant Beggars. Here's not a word yet of dear Sall, and gō I wo'd have You to suppose her well. (The last Flood has spoil'd y^e new Cawsway by Jane Whites, but to You has done no othir harm.) As also y^t y^r other concerns are in a good condition, for if any thing had been amiss I wo'd have told You. This is w^t at present I have to acquaint You wth, and shall add no more but y^t I am S^r Y^r sincere friend & serv^t T.B.

To M^{rs} Richmond.

Kirkland Sep. 29. 99. Maddam, Instead of a Postscript to M^r Richmond, I made bold to tell You by y^s y^t y^r D^r has coughed a little more yⁿ ordinary, w^{ch} made y^e Nurse affraid oth' small Pox or I Know not w^t, but I suppose 'twas onely thro' some cold she had got ; she is now very hearty, and for her I begg y^r blessing. Betty Cottam came to me in all haste for money You ow'd her ; I told her I had no orders to paye her any, but bec. she was earnest for some I gave her half a guinea, w^{ch} was a great part of my small stock. Nurse & Jinny bid me put you in mind y^t y. are y^r serv^{ts} & y^t y. desire you at home again, to lay y^r commands upon y^m, and one thing of moment from y^m I must inform you of, viz^t y^t y^r Young Pidgeons will not die for hunger if y. have meat enough before y^m. I

thought to have troubled you onely wth a half a dozen words, and now have exceeded y^e double of so many lines, for w^{ch} I hope You'l pardon me, and give me leave to Subscribe my self Madam y^r very humble Serv^t T.B. Pray give my service to y^r Relatives at Orford & Warrington.

This I received October y^e 1st.

Sept 26th (99). S^r. I shall trouble you wth a few lines to let You understand, y^t we are all in good health, and my Father & Mother desires to be remembred to You; and Tho: Turner and I was at Widderslack Church y^e 3^d day of y^s Month, and we got dinner at Y^r Fathers house, and y^e were in very good health at y^t time, and M^r Taylor is tabled at Tom Scotson's at y^e present, and I believe M^r Chamney & Thom. Scotson has furnish'd M^r Taylor wth Money for he told me he was wth y^e B^p last Sunday & dined wth him, & he has gotten Orders for y^s place, and now he denies all y^e whole Parish to turn him out, and there is severall Men in y^s parish y^t is very sore trubled at it, and I believe he thinks to have y^e rent of Mat. Rawlinson at Martinmass, and I sho'd be glad to hear from You shortly, and you must excuse me for I was in haste, and noe more but y^r affectionate friend and hüble Serv^t John Rownson.

The following letter I receiv'd Octob. 3^d.

Orford y^e 30^o of Sept. This is to return M^r Brookbank our hearty Thanks for his obliging Kind letter; it was very welcom news to hear our dear Sall was hearty: I begg y^e continuance of y^r Letters to inform us how all of You fare. We was sorry y^e day You went prov'd so bad, I hope by y^s You have recover'd it: I had design'd to send M^{rs} Butlers portmantle y^s week but am forced to let it stay till y^e next: All our Friends at Liverpool give y^lr respects & service to You, be pleas'd to accept y^e same from my Spouse & self: wth love to Nurse & Jane. I am affraid since our stay is so long, I did not leave monies enough to buy meat wth; I beg y^e favour of You to supply y^lr wants, & I will thankfully repay it. Pardon all mistakes, and believe I am very weary, being just arriv'd at y^s place. we found all gone abroad, or I do suppose I sho'd have had a Crowd of Services to You: Our blessing to poor little Sall wishing us merry meeting concludes at present from Your friend and serv^t Bridget Richmond. Remember us Kindly to all our good neighbours. I hope to hear of Molly Lucas recovery.

The preceding letter I thus answer'd—

Kirkland Octob. y^e 3^d 99. Maddam. Upon Sight of Y^{rs} of y^e 30^o ult, I return You y^s to let You know y^{rs} reach'd us, and y^t we all continue in y^e like healthfull State we were and at y^r service. Y^r Daughter is not only well, but very hearty, and has learn'd y^e way to her mouth so exactly, y^t w^t comes in her hands must thither, and gō nurse desires me to put you in mind y^t a Corall wō'd be a pretty thing for her to play wth. On Friday I was at Lancaster fair, and thence sent You a Letter w^{ch} I hope you have er' this received; D^r Fainton¹ gives his service to You

¹ James Fenton, D.D., was instituted Vicar of Lancaster, 17 Mar. 1684-85, and d. 1714. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

& M^r Richmond, as also do M^r Winter and his Lady. Nuts were nuts at y^e fair, and we co'd touch none under 5^s 7^d per peck, so y^t half y^t measure are all we have for you. Last Sunday Mary Lucas was buried, and an old papist. Edm. Sharples will have finish'd y^e causeway shortly, he wanted sand but my horse helpt him home wth some. I hear M^r Taylor has Got licence to Colton. Pardon abruptness dinner waites me, and my craving appetite will scarce allow me time to tell You I am Y^r very humble Serv^t T.B. Pray give my service to w^m due.

The 2 following letters I receiv'd Octob. y^e 6th.

Walton Octobr 3^d. 99. S^r. I have been for some few dayes, and am yet so busy in writing something controversiall to Cambridge, at y^e request of a friend there, y^t I can at present only tell You, y^t I and y^e 2 females did very Kindly accept y^r Letters. Y^r Civility and Prudence is such y^t You need not apologize for any thing You write. And I pray You wⁿ You shall think fit to write to me hereafter (w^{ch} I hope You will do now and yⁿ to excite our friendly thoughts of one an other) let Y^r pen run boldly and carelessly, after y^e manner of familiar Epistles. This Cicero himself did, and declares it to be congruous to such Epistles. As to y^e Matter You think of I believe y^e time is past : If it be not so, when I understand it, You shall hear more from me in due time. However, You shall ever have my active respects, when any opportunity comes wth in my reach of doing You service. My house present y^r respects and service, as I do who am S^r Y^r faithfull Serv^t Thomas Marsden

Warrington y^e 5th octob. S^r. I received yours, and am very glad y^t all our small family is in good health ; I had a letter and my Spouse an other, w^{ch} I suppose is those You mention from Lancaster, but neither of us took notice whence y. came : I am truly sorry for poor M^{rs} Lucas trouble, pray my kind respects to her and y^e Clark. My Love to Nurse and Jane ; I perceived I have already trespassed on y^r purse sufficiently, but I begg You will desire y^e Clark to do me y^e Kindness to help Nurse wth Monies to buy meat, and other necessaries 'til such time we come home : I am apt to think it will be later End of next week before we reach You : I begin to think y^e time long I am from my dear little Sall. Tell Nurse I am affraid my poor purse will not hold out to buy my Girl a Corall, but something I shall find to save her poor hands : My Spouse gives You his love & service, be pleased to accept y^e same from me. Our friends at Orford and here, give you y^r respects & service. I beg y^e favour stil to continue writing, w^{ch} shall be thankfull acknowledged by S^r Y^r Obliged Friend and serv^t Bridget Richmond. Pray tell Nurse, if y^e weather be cold, I wo'd have her make a fire morning and evening in y^e Nursery, to dress & undress Sall by. I doubt not she will take care to Keep her from cold. We have a great number ill in fevers. There was 35 Sick prayed for in y^e Church on Sunday. I must not forget to give my blessing to my dear little one. I pray God send us merry meeting and So farewell.

As a Postscript. M^r Brookebanke. As to y^e writers Rudeness, I desire You will either in y^r own or my Name bid y^e M^r to forbear teaching in the Church. I scrupled at first to give him leave, and now am resolv'd, never

to suffer any such thing hereafter. Y^r Kind Letters are very acceptable to Y^r affectionate friend H. R. Remember me to all y^t enquire after us.

To M^{rs} Richmond at Orford

October y^e 8^o (99). Maddam. Want of other Matter makes me repent w^t I have so oft told You, y^t we are all well and at y^r service (w^{ch} I suppose you'l delight y^e most to learn) y^t Dear Sall continues in a merry & healthfull condition. Harry Johnson beg'd to lay some barley in y^e barn for a few dayes, & we presum'd to give him leave, being glad by any means to have his field bared, y^t your Geese might be set at liberty, to take y^r usuall Rounds. Please to tell M^r Richd y^t I am very unwilling to shutt y^e Church doors agst y^e Scrivener, (who now has a great number of Scollars, some of y^e better sort, as M^r Butlers sons; Justice Longworths¹ D^{rs} &c) bec. 'two'd look like Envy in me, and also bec. his month will shortly be out, But let him know y^t I am well pleas'd wth his Resolution of Keeping y^e Church from being profaned by such rude creatures. John Wilkinsons wife is very ill, & not yet deliver'd. To Morrow I am to look bigg in place of M^r Richmond at an honourable Court, as one of y^e Hogan Mogan² states of Kirkland; But I rather think I shall have cause to go into mourning for my horse (y^t is like to dy) yⁿ to take state upon me: However whether I shall be promoted to y^e next seat to y^e Stadtholder, or Keep at home and mourn I shall be as I am Madam Y^r humble Serv^t. T.B. Pray let M^r Richmond & y^r Relations at Orford & Warrington Know y^t I am y^r Servant.

On y^e 10^o day I receiv'd y^s—

Warrington, y^e 7th Oct. Sir. I thought it convenient to acquaint You That on Monday or Tuesday we go again to Liverpool. I suppose our stay will not be long. My spouse hath some little business to do w^{ch} he co'd not get done wⁿ first there. I hope y^e next Post to have y^e good Newes of Yours, My Dear Salls, and y^e rest of our Families good healths. I beg You Will tell Jenny I wo'd have her brew for 2 runlets of small beere forthwith: let her not take it very small. Pray accept our hearty service; give our blessing to Sall, and pardon y^s Trouble from Y^r obliged Friend & Servant B. Richmond. My love to Nurse I long to see her & poor Sall, You may perceive I design'd this to have gone last Post, but y^e Post was gone out, Since you'r a friend I shall not stand upon writing a nother. I thank You for y^s days letter, w^{ch} is all from Y^r most obliged friend & servant B.R.

To M^r Henry Richmond.

Kirkland Octob. 13. 99. S^r. Last night y^r D^r began to be indispos'd, and continues disorder'd, I therefore send y^s to hasten y^r coming hither: bec. M^{rs} Richmonds and y^r Presence & advice is much desired by Nurse

¹ Richard Longworth of Tarnacre in the par. of St. Michaels-on-Wyre, was aged 10 in 1664. He was a Justice of the Peace. (*Fishwick's History of St. Michaels*, Chet. Soc., Vol. 25, N.S.)

² Hogan Mogan means High and Mighty, from the Dutch Hoog en Mogend. (*Century Dictionary*.)

and us all. Y^r D^r was taken wth a violent vomiting on y^e Night, and was very uneasy, but now we hope she is better. Pray give my service to all Friends You shall see, and accept y^e same from Y^r serv^t T.B.

To Francis Clarkson at Wettaker hall.¹

Kirkland Octob. y^e 17. 99. Francis, I have lately been inform'd of w^t I am very sorry to hear namely y^t you are not so firmly settled upon a religious bottom as to stand thereon immoveable: And wⁿ for y^e time You ought to be a Teacher You have need y^t one teach You again, w^t be y^e first principles of y^e Oracles of God. This by y^r own practice (if Report say true) is too plain, bec. you seek to those who are setters out of new and strange doctrines for Instruction, and leave y^e Guide of y^r Youth, y^t holy Church in whose communion for so many Yeares You have receiv'd. To persuade You to return to y^r first love is y^e design of y^s; And gō I begg of You not to take amiss anything y^t I shall say: for I assure You by y^e word of a Christian I in y^s aim at nothing but y^r Good. Religion is w^t every one pretends to, but w^t (I fear) not many understand aright: The Name is now abused to hide from y^e Eyes of y^e Ignorant Heresy and Schism, and w^ever can but get a shred of y^s Cloak dare boldly appear in y^e World. But let me (wth y^r Patience) tell You, y^t these glaring lights w^{ch} blaze all abroad, and tempt many despisers (of Gods holy Ordinances, y^s Lawes and Customs of his Church) first to wander and yⁿ to perish, were never Kindled at a coal from Gods Altar but at y^e Chimney of Hell. 'Tis Satans old grudge against us, y^t makes him so industriously seeke to divide, y^t wth y^e more Ease he may Conquer us. He is y^e red Dragon y^t wth his tail hath drawn down y^e 3^d part of y^e Starrs of Heaven: And y^s is y^e Enemy y^t sowes Tares among y^e wheat. It was He y^t stirred up Theudas boasting himself to be somebody, and Judas of Galilee (Acts. 5). It was he y^t caused Heresies, Divisions, and disturbances in y^e first Ages of Christianity; and he is our greatest Adversary still going about like a roaring Lion seeking whom he may devour. And now bec. he is Cunning and laies his Traps in y^e Dark, we sho'd allwayes take care not to fall a prey into his Teeth: However y^s his Common toile especially we should avoid, bec. so well Known: I mean his dividing a Kingdom or a house against it self, y^t yⁿ he might make it fall. How he hath prevailed let y^e 7 Asian Churches Declare whose Candlesticks are now remov'd: Let y^e Churches of Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, Coloss, &c bear witness. We allwayes find Heresies & Divisions at y^e Bottom of y^{tr} Ruine, and gō S^t Paul & Others by a prophetic Spirit, seeing w^t wo'd be y^e dismall Effects of Division, advise those to whom y. write to be of y^e same mind And to hold fast their profession [*in margin* Ro. 12. 16] Heb. 4. 14. Ro. 2. 25: 3. 11. Now I beseech —Rom. 16. 17, 18: 1. Cor. 1. 10. And notwithstanding all vain pretences to y^e Spirit and Light wthin They are fleshly minded and so in y^e dark y^t separte y^m selves, and say I am holier yⁿ Thou. 1. Cor. 3. 3. I co'd produce many other Arguments to persuade Men to be of one mind in a house, but here is enough to let You see w^t sense y^e holy Ap. had of Divisions, and how earnestly, he exhorts us to hold y^e faith [*in margin* Read Eph. 4 throughout] (deliver'd to y^e S^{ts} and w^{ch} our Church does Keep sound and

¹ i.e. Wedacre, an estate in Barnacre, in the par. of Garstang.

Entire) in y^e Unity of Spirit, and love of Peace. I need not tell You how miserably Christs mysticall body y^e Church is now rent in pieces, You cannot but Know, w^t sects and parties there are, who all pretend to be in y^e right way. W^t Divisions and Contentions, I am of Paul & I of Cephas &c. This nation indeed is so divided, y^t y^e Ap. may seem to point at our times & manners : Now y^e Sp^t 1. Tim. 4. 1. So 2. P. 3. 3. consult also Jude 17. 18. 19. And I pray you read carefully y^e 3^d & 4th Ch. of 2. Tim. There he tells You w^t Sort of persons y. are y^t sho'd come, Even such as are now too common in Every place, having a form of Godliness, but denying y^e power thereof ; creeping into houses leading away Silly women, & more silly Men : And there also we learn w^t sort of hearers sho'd be such as will not Endure sound Doctrine, but after y^r lusts Leap.—I doubt y^r Eares Brother, have y^s Itch, seeing You can delight so exceedingly in the clamorous noise of a silly woman, w^m S^t Paul permits not to teach but to learn or of such men as talk much of Light, who yet ('tis to be feared) are in Darkness : And I have some reason to fear y^r Eares are not able to bear y^e Truth, since from hearing me discourse of y^e Jealousy, fury & wrath of God, You went to get some refreshm^t from those lips who will tell You if You will be of y^r opinion, you need never think of y^e Terrors of y^e Lord for you shall not be in danger of the plagues w^{ch} God reserves for y^e Wicked. But take care, I beseech You, w^t You do : The Kingdō of God is not in word but in power : The wicked S. & P.¹ encompassed S. & L. to gain P. & y. were alwayes praising y^m selves & y^r own perform : & so still do y^e Sectaries, and little parties who will scarce be persuaded, y^t The door is open to any but y^m selves. They do w^t y. can to tempt men to combine wth y^m & to take y^r p^{ts} agst all opposers ; such Tempt. I believe You have experienced, and it may be y^e 13 & 14 v. of 4. c. of S.P. 2^d Ep. to Tim. in too literall a sense (excepting one clause) do relate to You and me.—Brother I write y^s to perswade You to continue in y^e things w^{ch} you have learned, [*in margin* 2. T. 2] & have been assured off, to stand agst y^e batteries of Satan who useth different wayes to destroy Souls. This is certain, wthout fail 'tis impossible to please God, & also 'tis sure y^t except y^e Trees bring forth fruit y^e Ax will hew y^m down, and y. must be burnt. The foundation of God standeth sure having y^e seal, let every one y^t names y^e Name of X^t dep^t from J. 'Tis not any herding wth those y^t call y^m selves pure y^t will make you such. But if you desire to be a vessel unto honour, you must purge out Sm, and follow R. f. Ch. & peace wth y^m y^t call on y^e L. out of a pure heart. [*in margin* R. 2. T. 2.] As God hath made me a Watchman I must give warning, and I wo'd have you to take it ; I do my duty, and if you perish Know y^r blood will be upon y^r own head. 'Twas our Sav^r himself y^t s^d wolves wo'd come in sheeps cloathing, & such cunning deceivers (were it possible) wo'd make y^e very Elect to Err. And now since such W. are abroad, since Satan transforms himself into an Angel of L. & his Minist. look like y^e Serv^{ts} of God ; watch and pray y^t you enter not into T. 1 Jo. 4. 1. 'Tis bec. of our sins y^t G. deals thus wth us, y^t y. who are approved amongst us may be manifested. He permits P. & Dr. ——— [*illegible*]. Deut. 13. Consider w^t I say and y^e L. give you understanding in all things, & make you Know and feel y^t

there is but 1. Truth 1 way to H. and y^t a narrow 1. in w^{ch} if you refuse to walk you yⁿ shall wander all y^r dayes in by paths of Error whose end I dare not look into. You have been baptised into X^t. Death makes it not void not to follow y^e Idols of besotted Enthusiasts. You have joyn'd wth y^e Cōg of y^e faithful in praising G. & hearing his word : do so again, y^t you may no longer halt between 2 op. no longer waver, but be stedfast and if yet any doubts possess You, I earnestly begg of You, as you tender y^r own Salvation, to disclose y^m to me or some other person likely to give You satisfaction. I intended to have come in person to see You, but I am somew^t indispos'd at present, neither did I Know wⁿ You wo'd be at home and gō have sent y^s as an Arg^t of y^t love and goodwill I bear you, and to give you assurance y^t in w^t I can assist You, You may depend upon me. Brother I should be very glad to have as little because I am Y^r F. & S. T.B.

This I receiv'd Octob. y^e 22^d 99. from y^e Clark.

Loving son, Y^{rs} I have receiv'd and am well pleased wth y^e business about w^{ch} You write, and do freely give my consent unto it, and pray from my very heart, y^t it may be for Gods Glory and y^r and our Comfort : But I am altogether ignorant of y^s matter, & gō I leave y^t to y^e good guiding of Almighty God, who I hope will be y^r guide, both in y^s and in all other matters. But I desire You to consider two things, first y^t it be for Gods Glory ; Secondly, how you can maintain y^r Self & her, for I perceive y^t she hath been handsomly brought up, and gō will expect to be maintained accordingly And have a Care You be not deceived in y^s business : for Marriage is either make Age or marre-age : Y^r Mother wishes You well. And y^s is all at present from y^r loving Father till Death Jo: Brookbank. Witherslack October 18^o 1699. D^r Witham's wife is dead.¹

To my Father

Kirkland Octob. 26 (99). S^r. Yours of y^e 10th I receiv'd but last Sunday, and now send You this onely to tell you I design (if y^e wether and all things els prove according to Expectation) to be wth You y^e beginning of Next month, and if you shall think it convenient give you a service at Witherslack on y^e 5th. The business I writt about is but as it was, and I am apt to fancy will not move forwards wth any great speed ; perhaps it may stay where it is. I am somew^t streightened for time, yet will take so much as to desire my Duty may be given to those who may expect it, and to tell you y^t I am S^r y^r obedient son & serv^t.

To John Rownson. Idib. [sic]

John, I thank You for y^r last, and information concerning M^r Taylor : He in his journeys can now miss my door but he might have call'd since I have not been his enemy, but perhaps too much his friend : I think Evil Counsellors are not all remov'd from Colton yet ; I wish he bee not too much guided by those that will do him no good at y^e long runn : as for Mathew Rawlinsons Rent, He may pay ½ to Tho: Turner, and (if he

¹ i.e. his first wife Catherine Leyburn.

wo'd be out of danger) y^e other to me at My Fathers house, y^e beginning of next month, for I shall preach on y^e 5^o of Nov. at Witherslack: if not prevented by unseen accidents. Pray give my service to F. M. &c and believe Y^t I am y^r sincere friend T.B.

To Father

Kirkland December y^e 18^o (99). S^r. I am sorry y^t lying Fame sho'd so much disturb You as I understand it has of late: And I cannot but think You somew^t to blame to give so much Credit to a flying report as I perceive You have: however y^s may undeceive You, and hereby I hope You will be satisfied y^t I am and have been ever since I saw you in good health. I cannot now have time to write so largely as I would, and therefore shall at y^s time be somew^t short, y^t my next may be long. I perceive if we had Kept more frequent correspondence by letter y^s noise had never disturb'd You and go I begg of You sometime to take y^e trouble to write; w^{ch} will be very acceptable to me & I promise to answer Y^{rs} so y^t we shall thereby Know of one ye others welfare or condition w^t ever it is. Pray S^r excuse w^t was done in haste & give my services & duty to Mother &c. and accept y^e same from S^r y^r obedient son & Serv^t T.B.

Kirkland Jan. 17. 99. S^r.¹ Last night Francis Petty came to see me, but I co'd not prevail wth him to stay over night wth Me: He sayes he was lately at y^r house, & tells me You are all well, and here we drank y^r health at his cost for he spent 1^s on me, and wo'd not let me be at one farthings Charge. I hope long er' this You are satisfied y^t Report's a Liar and y^r Eyes have appeas'd y^t disturbance w^{ch} entred by y^r Ears from my Letter of 18^o ult. by Robt: Bownes, w^m You sent to see me, and who was at more charges yⁿ I wo'd have had him, for he gave to our three servants 6^d apiece, w^{ch} I wo'd have You to repay him. When I was last over I was telling my mother of some old Cloths y^t I wo'd send her; w^{ch} now are ready, & if she please to Order Hen. Cowperthwaite to call for y^m y^e 3^d of Feb. at Humphrey Nicholsons shop a Dyer in Lancaster he may convey y^m to her; You may also tell her y^t I have used y^e Water she prepared for me and found it to be a cleanser of y^e Mouth, but no healer of my sore. Saturday Last M^r Birch, vicar of Preston,² died. If you write to me by Hen. Cowperthwaite I desire to be informed where he Inns at Lanc. y^t I may direct my Letters to be left wth him. I have some Psalm tunes ready for y^e Singers, but cannot conveniently send y^m at y^s time. Give my service, & duty to w^m due, and accept y^e same from y^r dutifull son & Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Penny.

Kirkland near Garstang, Jan. 17. 99. S^r. This trouble is only to begg 2 lines from you, to let me Know somw^t of y^e affaires of Colton, especially concerning y^e depending Sale, & y^e Ministers behaviour: I fancy my self mistaken in both in y^t I hoped for some advantage from

¹ Apparently to the writer's father.

² James Birch was Vicar of Preston from 1682 to 1700. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

y^e one and credit from y^e other; but I fear my Expectations may be frustrated. If M^r Taylors Carriage and life be answerable to his Office, Report is most certainly a Liar. (And so I Know it is in y^t it proclaimed me dead all ready;) But if it in y^s particular speak truth; as I was instrumentall in bringing him to Colton, so (If You desired it) I shall endeav^r to remove him again. Get but good informations of his ill wayes, and a petition drawn up to y^e B^p. & signed wth y^e sidesmens hands, and doubt not but wth my assistance, He shall be forced to seek for Other Quarters.—In y^r Letter I desire You to acquaint me how our friends do wth You, at Conishead, & Ulverston, to w^m I pray give my service, especially to those at penny bridge & reserve a chief share for y^r self, for I am y^r obliged friend & serv^t T.B.

To Thomas Turner

K.l.d Jan. 17. 99. Thomas. You want somew^t of y^r wage, I think, but it shall be p^d you from one hand or another. Some part thereof You perhaps may get of those persons, whose names and debts John Rownson has in a Bill from me, w^{ch} I w^d have You to demand. Particularly Ask M^r Chapman for dues for his F^rs wedding and also Rich. Dodson for his wedding, & take w^t they will be willing to give You, for I (upon some considerations) am not in a mind to trouble y^m wth y^e Laws Severity. Joseph Pennington I fear will be stingy, but ask him too, and take his answer, as also of others who are in Jo: Rownsons bill, and let me Know who payes You, and w^t y. say y^t refuse: And wth all let y^m Know y^t y^s is y^e 2^d time of Asking, and y^t y^re is but one more before y^e wedding betwixt y^m and y^r beloved Law. I sho^d be glad to hear from You sometimes of y^e affairs of y^r Parish, and behav^r of y^r minister &c. And desire you to give my love & respects to all friends, & be assured I am y^r sincere friend T.B.

To John Townson

K.l.d. Jan. 17. 99. John. A carefull conveyance of y^e inclosed as directed is desired of You by Y^r Friend & Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Scot.

Garstang. Jan. 17. 99. S^r. After a long silence, y^s comes to let You Know, we are not altogether unmindfull of You, neither envy Y^r happiness, who are y^e Favorites of y^e muses: Indeed we co^d wish our selves wth You, but I find wishes empty, and notwithstanding all my longing to enjoy You and y^e rest of my friends wth You, am still in y^e Country, bickering wth different Enemies: At Colton (from whence my last was dated), I was ever surrounded wth troops of Calvins raising; but now at Garstang I am fallen into y^e mids of y^e Popes Creatures. But forgetting Geneva and Rome I desire to Know somew^t of our Allies at Oxon, and if You'l please to honour me wth two lines at Y^r Leisure I beg y^t one of y^m be concerning Col. Affaires. 'Tis all most a year since I came to this place; And if y^r Occasions call you into y^e North, 'twill not be much out of y^r way to call upon Dear S^r y^r ob friend & humble Serv^t T.B. My service to all Friends as if named.

To my Father

Kirkland Jan. y^e 26. 99. S^r. I doubt not y^e Kind reception y^s will meet wth at y^r hands, but fear w^t do accompanie it may not please : They are things indeed not worth receiving ; but bec. I laid under a sort of Obligation to send y^m I have now so done ; not as a valuable present, but as an acknowledgment of Duty, to her who next to y^r Self may most justly expect it. Somewhere in y^s Packet you will find variety of Psalm Tunes, w^{ch} from me You may please to present to y^r Singers : And if there be any others y. wo'd have, upon Intimation I shall be ready to procure y^m. Love service and Duty to M^r y^r self & all Friends concludes y^s from S^r Y^r dutifull Son & serv^t T.B.

For M^r Thomas Brockbank Curat at Garstang.

Penny-bridge Jan. y^e 30. 99. S^r. Y^{rs} I receiv'd, and am hearty glad to hear of y^r health. I heard y^e report of your being dead, but had not y^e faith to credit it. S^r as for our depending sute Coz. Gibson tells me it will be heard y^s first Term, wⁿ he hopes for good success : But Law being a Lottery I leave it to Providence. As for M^r Taylor I fear he has not left his old Customes, And as I am informed hath gotten a new consort, but I dare not affirm it : However I fear our Sallery at Colton will be too little for him to live upon, having made complaint allready, and would needs turn of y^e schole master and teach himself, but y^e major p^t of y^e Parish stod up agst him and told him y. wo'd endeavour to turn him out of place, and by y^t means we got him to consent to y^e present M^r till May-day, therefore desires You either to Keep in y^r hands Matthews' bond & Articles, otherwise send y^m to me. I believe M^r Taylor goes to board wth Mat. now at Candlemass. The Family at Conishead are all moderately well at present. y^e old Gentlewoman has been much out of health, and the Children have all been in pox but are well recover'd ; y. are very rife wth us at present but not many dies ; My Man Jo. Hulme is in y^m at present ; My Children have not had y^m yet. We are allwayes jangling and warring at Colton as formerly where M^r Charnley is promoted Capt. as afores^d. So I rest wth mine and my Wifes Services unto You Y^r most obliged Serv^t James Penny. M^r Wildman gives his service to You.

To my Father

March y^e 9^o (99). S^r. I fear y^t mine of y^e 19^o of Jan. has mist its way to Witherslack bec. I hear nothing in answer to it from You. In it I inform'd You of some Things I sent my Mother, w^{ch} ever since y^e 13^o ult have laid dormant in Humphrey Nicholson's shop in Lancaster ; You may please to order some to call for y^m any Saturday and they will be deliver'd ; or els I must send for y^m hither again. I wo'd gladly sometimes hear from You to Know how You do, and how affaires go wth You. Pray give my Duty & service to Mother and all Friends and accept y^e same from Y^r Son & Serv^t T.B. I have got no money for Tho. Crosfield yet but if he will write wth You, I will endeav^r to serve him. Dawson say's fair still, but no money is to be had. I have forgot w^t y^s summ is exactly, gō I ——— [torn away here] Know y^m in y^e next.

The following letter I receiv'd March y^e 16^o.

Colton March 14^o, 99. Kind S^r. Y^{rs} rec'd w^{ch} as shortly as wth conveniency I fulfilled (tho' not as shortly as I wo'd) in demanding of y^m several Arrears as directed by y^r Letter and Bill. But I can scarce account to y^e full Receipt thereof. Some made light of it as thô frivolous, and debts scarce countable concerning schooling; Yet old Joseph Pennington acknowledgeth dues, But he alledgeth for some old disbursements, so y^t he'l pay me none in y^t name (to y^r self or no I wot not) As for y^e Weddings M^r Chapman thinks theirs not right due: if it were he shoves as thô he wo'd gratify You some other way for it. The other You Know S^r is so near Allie to y^e Law y^t he Knowes it under y^e Vizzard; so y^t in short S^r You see y^e Receipt, Thô perhaps if You Y^r Self were personally to demand it, you might get some Promises, if small performances. But y^e want of my Dues (in y^e Case) must be supplied by or from y^r hands S^r els-where I wot not. Acquainting our Parson I expected somew^t more y^a half a Years wages from my Entrance til S^t Martins last, But no he replies not from him, nor his gratuities. Yet not to pridge or press to sore on You who has been so respective to me allwayes, I shall resin my self to y^r will to return me w^t as You shall think meet, y^t therewth I preserve y^r fav^r & Respects, for I shall loose y^e Principal at May day (I suppose) M^r Taylor himself intending to teach and sweep up some moneys together for his behav^r. I Know no further y^a by report therefore O mitt it: As for y^e Affaires of our parish they are much w^t y^e same as to You in part Known, affording very small newes (The Post riding so seldom by) only they agree pretty well referring up y^r business to M^r Channey. Pray excuse my tediousness and I shall remain S^r Y^r Serv^t ever to Serve You wherein I may Tho Turner Pardon ——— [torn away here] y^e Messenger stays.

On y^e 21 I received y^s.

This For M^r Thomas Brockbank minister att Kirkland near Garstang. Leave y^s at y^e shop of M^r Christopher Hopkins in y^e Town of Lancaster, Bookseller.

Loving son. Y^{rs} on y^e 17th of Jan. came on y^e 5th of Feb. and we made y^e haste we could by Hen. Cowperthwaite to call for y^e Packet, but we suppose he made a forget of it. But by chance Deborah Fleming, who lately lived at Ja: Hartleys called here wth her husband Wil. Sharp Glasier and Y^r Mother informed her about y^e Packet, and her husband being with her said y^t he kept in y^e same shop with Humphrey Nicholson, So we suppose y^t after Deborah got home, she sought for it, and sent it by y^e first opportunity for she Knowes both Cartmel and Witherslack. On y^e 11 of March y^e packet came wherin we found notes for y^e Singers, and something els. Y^r mother hath prepared for You an other bottle of Water; but whereas You say y^t it only cleanseth and doth not heal y^r tooth, we think it y^e safest to take it out, for fear of a greater danger afterwards. Y^r Cousin Ja: Walker was buried on Candlemas day last. You have here enclosed Thomas Crosfields note ['twas only to tell me Ja: Dawson owed him 1^l 5^s 6^d] by w^{ch} You may Know, y^t Yesterday I had Y^{rs} on y^e 9th of March. A Letter from You was found in y^e Packet but no superscription on y^e Packet. Hen. Cowperthwaite's Inn is at M^r Hen. Cowstons

at y^e red Lion. John Crosfield of Townend, & Tho: Crosfield of Law = wood have gotten either a wife. The small pox are very rife amongst us. Thomas Kilner of Law = wood had two sons buried in one week who died of y^e Pocks. M^r Myles of Cartmel-fel is out of Favour amongst y^m who hath gotten both a wife and a Child. This (wth our prayers and blessing) is all at present from y^r loving Parents J: M: Brockbanke. Witherslack March 18. 1699.

This I thus answered

Kirkland March 22^d $\frac{1}{2}$ hour past 11. of Night. S^r. I am glad to know y^e way is open betwixt y^s place & Witherslack for I was affraid there had been no passage for Letters, till Y^{rs} of y^e 18^o (w^{ch} I had yesterday) undeceiv'd me. The Packet you have receiv'd contain'd nothing valuable, yet I wonder it came to You w^{thout} a direction: Sure none has search'd for a treasure in it, if y. did, y. were foully mistaken. I co'd wish my mothers bottle of water were wth me but How to get it I Know not; I cannot as yet conveniently fetch it for I have sold my horse, and none [torn here] to be hired. A very malignant distemper has for some time [torn here] in y^e bottom of y^e County and now it drawes nearer y^s place. At present here several lie raving in y^{1r} beds, but as yet not many dead. At a great shooting here about a month ago a venturous Man was shot into y^e forehead and y^e Pile stuck in his skull, and now I think he is a dying. The Parliaments late proceedings have startled our Papist-Priests and made y^m skulk in Corners; w^t y^e Issue may be I cannot tell, but it has pulled down our Papists one pegg lower allready, w^{ch} was nothing but need. A more frequent correspondence by Letter wo'd be very satisfactory to both of us (I suppose) and if You wo'd take y^e trouble to write oftener, y^{rs} wo'd reach me if directed to be left either wth Sharp or Nicholson, or at Garstang. Please to give my duty and Service to Mo^r and all Friends and accept y^e same from S^r y^r ob^t Son & Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Marsden.

Kirkland Apr. y^e 12. 1700. S^r Tis now a good while since You gave me Encouragement to write to You in a familiar style, and thereby to imitate Tully who Sayes a bold and careless Pen is fittest to run betwixt friends; And in y^t I willingly agree wth You & him, supposing y^e writers upon y^e same level; But as he made use of his utmost Eloquence w^a he plaid y^e Orator before his M^{rs} So I think it becomes such an obscure person as my self to take great care in writing to those above me. I confess my best Performnces are very mean, and perhaps nauseous to better heads, and upon y^t account it may be y^e wisest Course to communicate my Thoughts to such in y^e plainest Laconic Style: But to be both blunt and familiar smells too rank of Clownish Rusticity. And tho' I be very far from approving y^e fashionable Cringes and lying Compliments of y^s insincere age, yet I must needs allow, do command, and sho'd practise a becoming Deference towards Superiors. This I Know is agreeable wth Y^r own Sentiments, and 'tis nothing but y^r Candor and good nature y^t gives me leave to accost You as a familiar Friend; However (Since You please to have it so) for y^e Future my Pen shall take its Liberty, and if it

pass y^e bounds of Decorum, some part of y^t fault will fall upon You, and y^e rest (I hope) You will overlook. At present y^t You may know w^t trouble y^s is like to procure You, I begg of You to lend me for a month or 2 any thing of Antiquity y^t You can spare so long, For I profess my self an admirer of Primitive Christianity, w^{ch} I cannot better learn yⁿ from y^e writings of y^e 1st ages. If You can oblige me in y^s and a line to let me Know it, I shall take care y^t a Carrier be ready to ——— [torn here] y^m both wayes. I need not I suppose tell You y^t M^r Richmond is y^e Father of a lovely son, and y^t both F. and M. are at y^r service. This You Know already, and also y^t I am S^r Y^r very much obliged humble serv^t T.B.

To my Father.

Kirkland Ap. y^e 22^d. 1700. S^r Since my last M^{rs} Richmond is safely delivered of a lusty boy whom I christened y^e 14 instant and called him Silvester after y^e old D^r ¹ and both she her son and all of our family besides at present are well, thô some of our Neighbours are sick and others dead. Some y^t were violently ill wⁿ I writt before, are not yet recovered, and some y^t yⁿ were well are since buried. On friday y^e (19) Our Clarks wife was interred, who y^e Saturday before was at our house hearty and healthfull, but on Sunday night was struck wth a great pain in her head, and on Weddensday she died. She was such a woman as we have very few here, and is much lamented. Her daughter is now sick, but we hope will recover. This day is to be buried a boy y^t belonged to y^e next house to y^e Clarks. The Man y^t was wounded wth y^e Arrow is dead, and y^e shooter was tried, & acquitted y^e last 'Sise. Ja: Dawson has not pd Tho: Crosfields money yet to me, but wⁿ I receive it I shall let You Know. You have heard I suppose y^t y^e Parliament is prorogued & as for other newes we have none ; nor other business have I to trouble You wth at present, but to desire You to give my Duty & service to M^r &c. & to suffer me to subscribe my self S^r y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B.

To M^r Ja: Dawson at Garstang

Kirkland Ap. 22^d. 00. James. I had a letter from my Father some dayes since, and in it a note from Tho: Crosfield, who desires me to prevail wth You to pay him y^e small sum of Money You owe him by fair means ; By w^{ch} I perceive he has some thoughts to put You to trouble if You do not take care to satisfy him shortly. I gō begg of You to procure money as soon as You can, and (if You please) pay it to me, and I shall return it to him. Pray let me have y^r answer *as soon as You can*, and wth it money if possible, and thereby You will free Y^r Self from y^e danger of y^e Law and oblige Y^r Sincere friend T.B. You Know y^e summ is 1^l 5^s 6^d.

The following Letter I received at Garstang from Agnes Dixon who had been at Witherslack and was returning wth her Husband to y^lr farm at Brockass.

¹ The " old Doctor " was Silvester Richmond of Liverpool, physician. He settled there in 1662, was mayor in 1672, and died in 1692. By his wife Sarah Tarleton he was (with other issue) father of Henry R., Vicar of Garstang.

Loving Son. Y^{rs} on y^e 22^d of y^e last I had & return y^s, y^t we are well blessed be God for it, hoping the same of You. Our Neighbours are well excepting John y^e Son of Fran: Bowes. The small Pox are abated. W^m Swainson is dead. D^r Witham with M^r Cookes son of Stockton are expected here shortly, likewise M^r Edward Speight from London wth Richard Whitehead. This is all at present, wth our daily Prayers to God for You, and our blessing from y^r Parents J: M: Brookbanke. Witherslack May 3^d. 1700.

The following Letter I received May y^e 25.

Walton May 20th 1700. S^r. Pray let not my delay in answering y^{rs} be thought to be any disrespect of You, a thing You will never find me guilty of. After I had Y^{rs} it was rainy weather for some time, w^{ch} checkt my Thoughts of sending a leaf abroad, till a dry season sho^d present. Then I question'd wth my Self w^t bookes You desired: I thought not y^e voluminous Fathers, as S^t Jerom, Austine, Chrysostom; but Lactantius, Arnobius, Justine Martyr, Tertullian. Then I resolv'd to desire You to meet me next month at Garstang in my journey northwards, to talk about these matters. Then came y^e Gout, w^{ch} hath allready confined me to my chamber a fortnight, & forbids me to design any thing at present, but to get rid of it as soon as I can. Another thing y^t has been husling my thoughts was, y^t my Son¹ was dead in Virginia, as many in Liverpool whisperingly reported. There was indeed some colour for y^s, 40 of y^t ships company having died in y^s passage, of w^{ch} number were y^e Master, his Son & y^{tr} Merchant; & all of y^e survivors were sick of y^e fever or flux, except 6 only. But on friday I received Letters from my Son, w^{ch} say he is perfectly recover'd, and chearfully applying to his Concerns. I would not determine any thing till I see. My Daughters give humble Service to You and I am, S^r Y^r humble serv^t Thomas Marsden. Dare you not venture to give 30^l for M^r Shaws * books at Liverpool, a most cheap pennyworth.

Thus I answer'd.

Kirkland May 25. 1700. S^r. I humbly thank You for Y^{rs} of y^e 20^o inst, and y^t you still retain so Kind thoughts of me, as *upon my account* to consult y^r Judgment w^{ch} of y^r Bookes wo^d be most proper for my perusall; And I make bold to tell You I am hearty-Glad y^t y^e report concerning y^r Son in Virginia proves false: but sorry y^e Gout Keeps You Prisoner in y^r Chamber so y^t you cannot visit us and y^e North; This however (I hope) shall not hinder us from going to one an other; for if no unlook'd for accident intervene I shall y^s next month to wait on You at Walton, and be ready to be advised by You in any thing. If You judge M^r Shawes books convenient for me, I shall be apt to do so too; but 30^l is a great deal of money for a poor Curate to lay out at once on

¹ Thomas Marsden had apparently two sons, one here mentioned as engaged in shipping to America, and another, Robert, a scholar of Jesus College, Cambridge. and afterwards Vicar of Rempston, Prebendary of Southwell, and Archdeacon of Nottingham; he *d.* in August, 1748, aged 90.

bookes : yet possibly for a cheap peny worth I may procure so much in some moderate time. As for y^e Fathers my respect to y^m all is so great y^t I sho'd allow any of y^m a Reading : but S^t Aug. (bec. in all points perhaps y^e most Orthodox) requires my greatest veneration. Min. felix. Origen contra Celsum. Arnobius. Lactantius Institut. Eusebius de prop. Evang. Justin Martyr. Polycarp. ad Philip. Ignatius &c wo'd tempt me to hear y^m speak were y. at hand. I think, if I had opportunity 'two'd not be convenient for me to peruse too many of y^e great Fathers ; y^r length wo'd tire me, and if I endeavour'd to retain all y. say, I sho'd remember just nothing : beside some of y^m are rough & unpleasant and also obscure, w^{ch} by no means wo'd agree wth my genius, for in my reading I hate to be pusled wth Grammar ; My humble service to y^r self and Daughters concludes this from y^r much obliged friend & humble serv^t T.B.

To my Father

June y^e 5th 1700. S^r. You'l perceive I am well arrived at this place, w^a I have told You y^t yesterday I accompanied M^r Richmond & his Lady to Preston, where was a meeting of y^e Clergy, who will again meet on y^e first Tuesday in July at Lancaster. D^r Fainton preach'd, and came wth us to Kirkland, and M^r Pepploe ¹ y^e Vicar of Preston is Appointed for Lan^r. We are to dine at M^r Yates's. Next monday we are for Warrington &c and twill be a week, or perhaps more er' I return hither. If any business requires my speedy notice You may please to direct y^{rs} to me at M^r Silv. Richmonds in Liverpool. Y^t day I came to Witherslack Cos. Speight, Whitehead &c. called at our house to see me, and now I am writing after them to let y^m Know how Sorry I was to miss of y^m. S^r w^t you were intimating to me I have been thinking on Since my return, and shall perhaps *shortly* make some progress therin, as soon as conveniency will allow. You Know my circumstances, and if You have any particular advice for me, pray please to communicate it to me by letter. My Duty & service to Your Self, M^r & all Friends concludes y^s from y^r son & serv^t T.B.

To M^r Edward Speight at y^e Fountain Tavern near Aldersgate.

Garstang, June y^e 5^o 1700. Dear Sir. Think me y^e most unfortunate of all men, in y^t I co'd not wait on you in y^e North w^{ch} I so earnestly desired to do : I Assure Your self there's not a man in y^e World I sho'd have been more glad to have seen y^a You, and yet y^s I was disappointed off by y^e most unlucky accident imaginable. Were I not a Christian I wo'd curse my stars, and attribute to you all my seeming disrespect to You and so in part free my self of a crime w^{ch} You have more y^a reason sufficient to accuse me off. I confess I heard y^t You intended for y^e North, but I Knew not y^e Month ; and y^t very day You were so good as to call at our Vicarage, did I take horse in order to have paid You a verball acknowledgm^t of Y^r very great Kindnesses if You had been in y^s Country : But

¹ Samuel Peploe was instituted Vicar of Preston, 29 May, 1700. He was made Warden of Manchester, 1718, and Bishop of Chester, 1726, when he resigned Preston. He d. 1752.

see y^e misfortune ! I was call'd out by 3 a clock in y^e morning, and so missed of You, by being over Early. Wⁿ I got to my Fathers, I soon was told of y^r return towards Londō, and was upbraided for uncivility, in not waiting on You, thō I hope Y^r good nature will pardon w^t was y^e effect of Ignorance. S^r a favourable opinion is humbly asked, and (if You can) think I am not so bad, as circumstances may Suggest, & pray be pleased to suffer me to subscribe my self Dear S^r Y^r very much obliged & very humble serv^t T.B. My humblest service attends y^r Lady & her pretty Son as also Cos. Whitehead.

On Monday y^e 10^o of June in Company of M^r Richmond his Lady Betty Alston, & Man James, I rid to Orford near Warrington whence I writ to my Father, to let him Know of my being there &c. Thence I went to Leverpool y^e 21 of June, yⁿ to Garstang July 5^o, whence I writ y^s following Letter.—To my Father.

July y^e 11. 1700. S^r. I hope mine from Orford has reach'd You, and y^t y^s also may come to y^r hands whereby You may Know y^t now after all most a months absence I am again arrived at Garstang, and y^t I have so far concurr'd wth y^r desires, as to wait little more yⁿ y^r approbation & advice in w^t You were speaking to me about. M^{rs} Richmond was pleas'd to take a young girl as a Companion a long wth her, who was committed to my charge w^{ch} did not displease me as having a more yⁿ an ordinary Kindness for her : Indeed she's young about 16. yet her temper & disposition is agreeable enough and her portion, she's like to have all y^t one man has being his only child : He's but a skinner, his name Alstone, but one y^t has been fortunate in y^e world, and has got something by his care and industry : However thō my Affections have been somew^t unruly I can manage y^m well Enough, and shall not Engage my self too far till You please to let me Know y^r mind, & whether you expect a portion : If she please You not, I shall seek out some other, and if You so think fit shall see w^t M^{rs} Marsden will say to me : she's yet un marryed, and all civility is shewn me there. I have not bought y^e bookes I told you of, but have expended a deal of money in Gown Cassoc &c. As for other things y. continue much as they were, and if You'l honour me wth y^r advice in y^s affair, I shall further inform You of my proceedings, and (wth humble duty & service to y^r self Mother & all Friends) do remain S^r y^r obedient son & serv^t T.B.

To y^e aforesaid Lady. July y^e 16^o.

W^t thinkest thou, Fair one, do y^e S^{ts} above ?
 They bath & swim in everlasting love.
 Love is their whole employ, Love makes y^r bliss
 For there's no Heaven, but only where Love is.
 Love ! 'Twas y^e first born, & it will remain
 Wⁿ all things else to naught return again.
 'Tis God himself, or infinite as he,
 Its power's as great, its Age Eternity

'Tis Angells happiness, and it does make
 Men here of those celestiall Joyes partake.
 Love yⁿ or Else resolve You not to live,
 Since Heavens chief blessing we by L[ove] receive.
 But O take heed of foul venereal Fire,
 The loathsom ofspring of unchast desire.
 Let not y^t sooty flame possess y^r breast
 If it entreat refuse its bold request.
 Let not y^r mounting Soul like vulgar hearts
 Complain of shameful wounds from Cupids Darts :
 Terrestrial Charms may tempt y^e carnal mind
 And y^t in sense its bliss may hope to find :
 But You, of heavenly make, So much above
 These Vanities, they 're far beneath y^r Love.
 Leave Earth to Earth, fix all y^r thoughts on high
 You have no equal match beneath y^e skie.
 Say My Creator hath engaged my heart,
 My Soul from such a Spouse can ne'er depart
 Let his loved Image stil be in y^r sight
 And in his proper place y^r whole delight.
 He is all beauteous, lovely, charming fair,
 to get his love make it y^r chiefest care.
 You, dearest Betty, first make G[od] y^r Friend
 And He will guide You safely to y^r End
 Now is y^e Time, Now does y^e War begin
 'Twixt Heaven & Hell, 'twixt Piety & Sin.
 You are in danger, but ask help of God
 He'l break y^r Enemies wth his Iron Rod.
 His Love in blest Effects You will perceive,
 If y^t his wise advice you never Leave.
 Love God, & ('cause he wills it) Love Man too,
 God loves him, & requires y^e same of You.
 Love all : but if more heavenly You wo'd seem,
 Love Vertue most, it merits y^r Esteem.
 This, fair one, is y^e best support of Love
 W^t wanteth y^a will soon (alas) remove.
 The Airy Gallants swear y. you adore
 So have y, cheated others here to fore.
 The young pert Wanton Vowes to be y^r Slave
 'Tis only Lust y^t makes him seem so brave.
 The pinching miser wth y^e rest is bold,
 To say he loves You, but he means y^r gold.
 Thus do y^e most by false wayes seek to win
 Your love, & hope to gain You by y^lr Sin.
 But see, dear Soul, y^r danger eer too late
 There poison lurkes under y^e painted bait.
 And if You hope on Earth to taste y^e Joys
 of heavenly love, let vertue be y^r choice.
 This will endure, wⁿ Lust is gone & fled
 And left y^e wretched Bride in hated bedd.

This growes not old, but does encrease y^t fire
 We^{ch} (but for death) wo'd never once expire.
 ☉ I co'd name one who vertue loves & You,
 Whose passion is most cordial & true,
 But pardon, dearest, if I spare his Name,
 He sayes You Know him by his Violent Flame.
 'Tis one who dares be honest in y^s Age
 We^{ch} is so infamous for Lust & Rage.
 'Tis one who if he be not, wo'd be good,
 And to y^t End hath some Assaults wthstood.
 I dare no more—only take care y^r Love
 Be such as y^t w^{ch} Saints enjoy above.

This I received July y^e 21.

These for M^r Thomas Brockbank Minister at Kirkland near Garstang. Leave y^s at y^e house or shop of W^m Sharp Glasier in y^e Town of Lancaster to be carried as directed by Humphrey Nicholson, Garstang, draper. Loving Son. I have received 3 Letters from You since You went from hence; In y^r last You desire my advice in a matter of great concernment, the party I being altogether ignorant off I Know not w^t advice to give You: The Age You write of is Young to be a housekeeper but peradventure she may be so near a Neighbour y^t You may live wth her Parents for some time. For Portion I think it is but fit you sho'd have some grant of, for tho she be at present y^e only child of her Father, yet her Mother if living may die, and her Father marrie again, w^{ch} thing sometime comes to pass &c. Y^r Education, and y^t Estate you are like to have deserves a considerable portion. But I must leave both You, and y^r doings to y^e good guiding and protection of Almighty God who never failes y^m who put y^r trust in him. And further I advise you to take Advice wth M^r Richmond & his good Lady about y^e matter to w^m I desire You to remember me. Marriage is either Make Age or Marr Age. I suppose if You go on here You will lose M^r Marsdens Favour. M^{rs} Heblethwaite of Crosthwaite was well & dead in y^e space of one hour, it is supposed of an Impostume. This is all at present (wth my & y^r Mothers prayers & blessing) from y^r loving Father Jo: Brockbank Witherslack July y^e 15. 1700. It is reported y^t my Lord Lonsdale¹ is dead, for my Sister Elline told us yesterday, y^t y^e 20th is to be dealt at Kirkby Lonsdale upon his account: so it is conjectured to be y^e time of his interring, w^{ch} is to be about 5 a clock.

To my Father

August y^e 7^o. 1700. S^r. Yesterday, in company wth M^r Richmond & his Lady, I rid to Polton,² to y^e meeting of y^e Clergy there, and now give You the trouble of y^s to let You know I am safely return'd hither again, and to acquaint You I am yet as liable to disappointments as ever. 'Tis not a week since my Thoughts were much busied about matrimonial

¹ John Lowther, 1st Viscount Lonsdale, so created 1696. Born 1655. *I.d.* 10 July, 1700.

² Poulton-le-Fylde, a town, etc., 6 miles S. of Fleetwood.

affaires, but a late discovery has in a manner quash'd all my designs y^t way : so y^t at present You may suppose me a hopeless lover ; y^e Reason you cannot guess, and if You never know it 'tis no matter. On Sunday sevensnight y^e Bishop is expected at our Church to confirm ; He has given no notice, and we are a making ready for his reception. But w^t is y^e greatest, and to y^e Nation y^e most unpleasant newes is y^e Death of y^e Duke of Gloucester¹ : A Death y^t has caused many hearts to ake. Tho I think they are much to blame who put not more trust in God yⁿ in any child of Man : I fear our sins have caused y^s and have somew^t more in reserve for us ; y^t may be more afflicting : Please to give duty & service to Mother &c, and accept y^e same from Y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B. This morning I spent 6^d wth Bryan Barwick, and on Saturday Rob. Burrow call'd for's Rent.

To my Father.

August y^e 19. 1700. S^r. The conveniency of Carriage did chiefly at y^s time make my pen move w^{ch} tells You I am well and very glad to hear You are all so. On Saturday M^r Richmond and I rid as far as Preston to meet the Bishop and attended him to our Vicaridge where he now is. Yesterday he preach'd in y^e forenoon, and confirm'd more yⁿ 700 persons. He is pretty hearty, and among other discourses Enquired after You, and told me he was mistaken if D^r Barwick² was not dead, w^{ch} surprised me a little not having heard any thing of it : In y^e next You may let me Know whether y^s report be true. I hope e'r winter to see You at Witherslack but I cannot tell wⁿ. In y^e mean time I begg y^r blessing and prayers : and to accept my duty & service & to give both to M^r & to w^m else due from y^r son & serv^t T.B.

To M^r Henry Richmond at Liverpool.

S^r. If y^s reach You 'twill let you Know we are well. Nurse Brown has been in some trouble about her child, who, she wo'd need persuade her self, co'd not recover, but now she is glad to find herself mistaken : I Parted wth her & her M^r but just now. Hen. Johnsons son was christened today, M^r Charles Sallom, Henry Gasehall & M^{rs} Fl. Hall Gossips, y^e last of w^{ch} gives her service to You & M^{rs} Richmond. Amongst y^e rest of my Auditors y^s forenoon I had Cap. Hamilton & y^e famous Slone, whom y^e Great Duke³ has imploi'd I dare say to ruin his Tenants. He has tied y^m to an other years hard bargain. I need not tell you of w^t we hear of Cap^t Spencer ; no doubt y^t has reach'd you er' this. Pray S^r give my hearty service wth all due thanks to y^r Relations for y^r great Civilities, especially to Y^r Lady, M^r &c. and give me leave to subscribe my self S^r Humble serv^t T.B.

¹ Son of Queen Anne.

² Dr. Peter Barwick did not die till 1705.

³ Probably James, Duke of Hamilton (1658-1712). He had large estates near Garstang in right of his second wife.

To Eliz. Wittingham ¹

Sep. 18^o past 10 at night. Madam, To let You see I can write at full length, I here send You a short evening thought, written as fair as a bad Pen w^od, in an un [?] known ² hand, guided by a pair of Eyes, y^t don't pretend to be Curious by candle light.

For y^s few—&c. 459.

'Tis yet too soon for bed, and my Inch of Candle, and 3 inch of Paper tempt me to write again,

Some others may &c. 452. backward.

If You cannot read y^s I shall help You to spell it out at Garstang. Pardon faults; sleep and somew^t els have all most dimm'd y^e Eyes of Y^r Serv^t Philogynus.

To Eliz. Whittingham.

Sep. 21. Madam, Tho' You fancied I sho'd have too much work on my hands to day I can yet afford some minutes for y^r Service, and those chiefly to convince You, y^t most Love-letters are either nonsense or somew^t worse. 'Tis long since I saw any, and bec. I have no examples by me, I must rely upon mine own Invention, and for once take upon me y^e Style of Different Persons. Think me yⁿ some hectoring blade y^t sends You an offering of his brain wth y^s Exordium.

Adored Lady,

The refulgent splendour of y^r transcendent Beauty wth its all powerfull violence, hath so concenter'd its piercing Rayes on y^e burning glasses of my two Luminaries, y^t thro' y^m it has set y^e chief Tabernacle of my Soul all in combustion. Bombast! Fustian. avaunt.

Let us begin again.

My Dearest M^{rs}.

Durst my sick soul reveal y^e causes of her present illness I fear lest y^e discovery sho'd offend y^r Ears, rather yⁿ w^{ch} I'd burn in secret and consume in silence. At best I Know my self unworthy y^r regard, and so deeply sensible of y^t vast distance there's betwixt us, y^t I think it a bold presumption to adore You: But yⁿ not in my power to help, and since y^r beauty has made me y^r Slave, y^r Goodness must seall my Pardon if I have confidence enough to let y^e World Know y^t I am Y^r Serv^t. Nonsense all over.

Wee'l try once more.

Thou Idol of my Soul.

Co'd I command my Tongue, I'd scold, nay curse thee, y^e great disturber of my Peace. Before I saw thy charming Eyes my life was Easy and my

¹ Elizabeth Whittingham (whom, as will be seen later, Thomas Brookbank married in 1703) was the daughter of Thomas Whittingham of Westfield in the Township of Claughton in the par. of Garstang. There are some brief and unsatisfactory notes on these Whittinghams in Fishwick's *History of Garstang*. Elizabeth Whittingham's mother was probably sister of Richard Turnley of Sparth, and the latter's first wife Katherine may have been Thomas Whittingham's sister.

² A big blot here.

joyes abounded : but now my melting heart is so distracted, y^t 'tis an utter stranger to all ease and quiet. I strive to get it some refreshment from my wonted studies : In vain alas ! y^e Letters y^t I see make all thy Name to plague me. I think to walk and ease my grief by meditation ; Thou like some Ghost dost haunt me every where, and I can think on nothing Else. I throw my self on Bed and hope to sleep y^e pain away : my Eyes refuse to close and will see nought but thee : or if a slumber steall into y^m yⁿ Dreams torment, me and I awake all in a sweat. Nay if I fly above y^e Clouds for help I'm disapointed still : I may begin my prayers to Heaven, but end y^m all to thee.

Lies, Lies, abominable lies.

I thought indeed such foolish Raptures co'd never have harbored in my breast, but striving to imitate w^t I have seen, I find these high flown strains come very fluent. This makes me doubt my self infected wth y^e Disease y^t has inspired others wth such frothy stuff. They say 'tis Love : perhaps it may ; yet how y^t noble passion sho'd generate nonsense to me seems strange ; but y^t it sho'd torment me is not less yⁿ wonder. I do remember y^t Experience told me y^t Constancy's y^e cure : But who can hope for y^t who dare scarce whisper out his passion to y^e soft air. You say You'l help a bashfull Lover to disclose his pain to her who only can apply an antidote. 'Tis Kindly offer'd : But w^t if y^s wo'd cause her to hate me ? w^t If I dare not let You Know her name, thô sworn to secrecy ? w^t if yours—But why these Iffs ? The only stop is want of merit ; had his Deserts been greater y^e poor Curate might have been a wealthy Parson, and yⁿ he durst have spoke his mind, & have been his own Interpreter. But w^t fair Maid wo'd not even scorn to look aside at one so Low ? And how sho'd he dare to hope for any thing y^t has been slighted by ——¹ A hundred a year wo'd soon open my mouth, & I sho'd not only discover my Love but be very importunate to have it answered by a suitable return. 'Tis left to y^r Prudence to construe y^s : only I begg a favourable Interpretation assuring You it deserves no other. Thô poor I'm honest, and am resolv'd to Keep y^t Character. while I am y^r Serv^t y^t is so long as I remain T.B.

To Eliz. Whittingham.

Sep. ult. Madam. My last was lies and nonsense wth a mixture of Truth ; w^t now attends You is all meant for Truth wth out Lies, w^t ever y^e sense may prove. 'Tis no lascivious song or unchaste ditty of a petulant Muse, but w^t y^r Virgin Eyes may view wth out a blush. 'Twas writt last Night to shutt up a happy day, but thus writ to let You Know (if you still are ignorant) y^t I am y^r serv^t T.B.

Great God of Heaven behold I pray

Y^s Vessel w^{ch} thou madst of clay.

but look on't wth a gentle eye

it cannot bear Severity

One word of thine at first did make it live

One word of thine at last its death wil give.

¹ A blank here.

'Tis dust (alas) not worth thy care,
 'tis dirt, 'tis Sin ; but O ! forbear
 To pry into its secret ills
 Thy frowns destroy, thy Anger Kills.
 Or if thou wilt its vileness Know and try
 Remember X^t y Son for it did dy.
 You blessed Lord y^e debt is paid
 That vast summ to his charge is laid
 Who gave his life to ransom mine,
 Who sold himself to make me thine :
 And Justice will not ask y^e same twice o'r
 My debt is pd. o y^a rub of y^t score.
 My sins were great, but if they be
 His grievous sweat and agony,
 His Whip, Crown, cross, nails, sponge & flood
 Of his pure holy, precious blood
 Can fully satisfy for y^a were they
 in number equall to y^e drops i'th' sea.
 W^t if a dog one crumb can save,
 And crumbs y^t fall even dogs may have :
 but thou didst call me to thy board
 to feast wth my anointed Lord.
 Nay on him, for my Soul his flesh did eat,
 And drunk his blood. O blest celestial Meat !
 That bread shall Keep my Soul alive
 y^t water make it grow and thrive
 And both shall bring it to y^t rest
 where all wth thee are fully blest.
 This is my hope : and grant my God y^t I
 May live up to 't and as I live may die.

This was writ to be read in a glas, and on y^e back of y^e letter.

Postscript to y^e preceding Letter. Octob. y^e first. This was design'd to have waited on you Yesterday, wth its unworthy Author, but y^e moistness of y^e day Kept both wth in doors. I hope y^e excuse may be Kindly accepted, and wish shortly to Know so much from y^r own lips, if You shall vouchsafe so great a Fav^r to y^r unfeigned Friend T.B.

To Eliz. Whittingham.

Octob. y^e 12^o. Madam. W^t y^e includes was (some very small alterations excepted) once lent to a certain Young Person, who, I think, was not pleased wth it : But y^r goodness makes me hope y^t neither it, nor y^e postscript annex't to y^e will offend You, since both (wth hearty service) are humbly offer'd to You by Y^r servt T.B.

The Postscript was from ☉ 232¹ y^e included thus ;

Madam. If w^t was once lent to an other be worthy y^r perusal, you may please to read w^t followes and judge as you see Cause. 232 to ☉.²

¹ i.e. p. 232 of MS. See the verses (*supra*) under date, 16 July, 1700. The reference is to the latter part of them from the sign ☉ to the end.

² The reference is to the first part of the verses, from their beginning to the sign ☉.

W^t follows I received y^e 27 of Octob.

Loving Son. You wrote by M^r Hutton y^t You intended (God willing) to be here about Michaelmas; and you neither coming, nor writing, we fear y^t You are not well, gō let us hear of y^r welbeing and we shall be satisfied, for we wo'd not have You to trouble y^r self in coming over y^s winter weather. And y^s (wth prayers and blessings) is all at present from y^r Parents J M Brockbanke. Witherslack October 25th 1700.

To M^r H. Richmond at Preston

Octob. y^e 27. 1700. S^r, This is to let You know I have no Newes to tell You: All y^r affaires continue much as y. were; y^r Children are very well, and y^e family you left all in good health. Pray divide my service amongst y^r Relations wth You, not forgetting to Keep a good share to y^r self, for I am (in haste) S^r Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To my Father.

Kirkland Oct^r. 28. 1700. S^r. Y^{rs} of y^e 25th I received yesterday, and return y^s to let You Know I am very well, and do yet design to see You er' Winter. W^t Kept me from You this long, was partly want of a horse, partly some business of my Own w^{ch} you shall Know w^a I have y^e opportunity to speak wth You. I have some thoughts to be at Kirkby about y^e 10th or 17th of y^e next month, and thence to remove to Witherslack, w^{ch} will prevent y^r fear of y^e Sands. We have had a great deal of strangers this Summer, (w^{ch} also has partly Kept me at home), but I hope we now have done wth y^m. M^r & M^{rs} R^d went hence wth 6 or 7 horse last Friday to Preston where now they are. Please to give my duty & service to Mother, and to w^m else due, and accept y^e same from Y^r Son & Serv^t T.B.

To y^e Bishop.

Kirkland near Garstang Nov^r 21^o 1700. My Lord, I have wth some care enquired after y^e Church affaires of Cartmel, and find many Inhabitants yet lamenting y^r Loss in y^e death of M^r Armstrong. They complain y^t y^r Pulpit is allwayes Empty in y^e afternoon, and w^a I wo'd have perswaded y^m y^t y^e latter part of y^e Lords day might be as well (or better) imploied in catechising reading of Homilies, expounding y^e doctrine of y^e Church &c. as in Preaching, They assented to w^t I said, but told me, y^t none of these things were done. Some (perhaps Enemies to y^e Incumbent,¹ & may gō belie him) say y^r Pastor rarely comes to prayers in y^e Afternoons, & more rarely visits y^e Sick in his Parish. The goodness of his prayers (w^{ch} is a Collect) and of his Sermon possibly makes amends for y^e shortness of both, thō y^t is reckon'd a fault in him, as is also y^e great distance he Keeps his Parishioners at. Those of Cartmel-tell cry out of hard usage at his hands, especially in y^e case of M^r Miles, w^m Hostil²

¹ The incumbent was Thomas Proddy, M.A. (St. John's Coll. Cambridge), who was instituted in 1698 on the death of Mr. Armstrong. As will be seen here and later he was not satisfactory; he *d.* in Sept. 1707.

² Apparently an abbreviation of "hostility."

countenanceth and seems desirous to replace in y^r Chappel. I cannot say much for the People. They are factious and headdy, yet (I doubt) y. have too just cause of Complaint. My Lord, I confess y^s Account carries a store of Malice in it, and if I sho'd say y^t M^r Proddy has endeavour'd to blast my Reputation, it wo'd appear more plain to any Eyes y^t had not y^r Lordships Candor in y^m. But as I'm perswaded none of y^t hellish weed lurks in my breast, so I hope for a favourable construction from y^r Lordship. His Vilifying and speaking contemptuously of me (whom He Knowes not) I sho'd not have mentioned, had He not passed y^e bands both of Civility and Charity towards my Father, whose Age (if He had no good Qualities, as I think he has many) might justly have required some degree of Reverence from him: But such little obscure Persons as my Father and I sho'd not take his aspersions ill, wⁿ so good, so learned so worthy a Man as his carefull Predecessor was cannot sleep in his grave secure from his censure. I wo'd gladly believe my Informers mistaken, or blinded by Prejudice, or any thing rather yⁿ y^t all I say were true. It may be all's fals, I dare not positively affirm any part of w^t, I have written, and y^r Lordship may please to give no credit to't til it be confirm'd from some other hand. Y^r Lordships pardon is humbly begg'd for y^e faults of y^s as is also y^e continuance of y^r good opinion towards My Lord Y^r Lordships much obliged and very humble Serv^t T.B. My Father Knows nothing of y^e Death of D^r Barwick, but believes he is yet living.

To my Father.

Kirkland Nov^r. 21. 1700. S^r. I arrived here in good time on Tuesday. Mat. Martindale Saw me safe over y^e first Sand, and y^e Other was very fair. M^r Richmond and his Lady were at Lancaster, wth y^r Brother M^r Silvester Richmond, and his Lady¹ who were come to look after a ship loaden wth wine, y^t put in there. Wⁿ I was wth You I had no very fit opportunity to acquaint You y^t I have some Inclinations to marry; Y^r advice about y^s affair I have had and now desire y^r Thoughts of Portion. I shall do nothing wth out y^r consent and approbation, and gō let me Know w^t demands You wo'd have me to make if y^r be occasion. My duty & service to Mother, and if you please tell her y^t nutts will be acceptable here, & y^e sooner y. come y^e better reception they will meet wth. I am S^r. y^r dutifull son T.B.

To M^r Hopkins

Nov. 21. 1700. M^r Hopkins, I like y^e 2 introductory discourses so well y^t I had of you y^t I now desire You to get me y^e disquisition itself if possible. The Author shews great reason in these discourses w^{ch} makes me imagine y^e same strength of argument runs thro' y^e book itself, to w^{ch} these are but a Kind of preliminary disertation. You remember 'tis called a Disquisition demonstrating the Unlawfulness of y^e marriage of Cousin Germans, From Law, Reason Scripture & Antiquity by Jo: Turner late Fellow of X^{ts} Coll. in Cambridge. I am y^r Serv^t Thos: Brockbank.

¹ Silvester Richmond's wife was Frances, sister of Sir Richard Brooke of Norton Priory, Cheshire, Baronet.

W^t followes I received Nov^r 30.

S^r. I receiv'd y^r Letter Yesterday, for w^{ch} I humbly thank You. I shall make y^e best use I can of y^e Information You have given me, wthout discovering from whom I received it. M^r Miles has been lately wth me again at Chester, and brought me recommendations & Petitions from several Persons of note and Quality. Considering y^t y^e Inhabitants of Cartmel fell have not perform'd y^r Promise of augmenting y^r Sallery for a preaching Minister, I have revoked y^e Inhibition I sent agst M^r Myles so y^t M^r Proddy may (if he please) suffer him to officiate till further order from me. I pray give my hearty service to M^r Richmond and his Lady. I am S^r Y^r affectionate Brother N. Cestriens. Nov. 27. 1700.

I received y^s Dec. 1.

Loving Son You desire my advice w^t portion You should demand, if You consider y^t I intend You an estate in land w^{ch} cost me allmost 500^l, and y^t You shall have nothing to pay out of it, but to have it free. And I doubt not but (by Gods blessing) to assist You wth something in y^e interim besides, and y^r own land and education : These things considered deserve a portion of 200^l and more : W^t You get is y^r own, I will not desire one penny of it, however in y^s matter I leave You to Gods guiding and y^r own choice. The same day You went from hence M^r Hutton & y^e Gentleman they are about to Elect came hither to see You ; and as M^r Hutton said, y^t You might examine him. On y^e following day we were invited to y^e funerall of my Cousin Agnes Robinson of Finsthwaite, where I met wth many of y^r Friends. On Wednesday 27 Nov^r is Rob^t Atkinson of Cark buried. Y^r Mother hath sent You half a bushel of Nuts : You may send y^e Gown You spake off back in y^e poke. M^r Taylor of Coulton was married at Cartmel on Saturday last wth Rob^t Taylors daughter of Colton. This (wth Y^r Mothers and my blessing) is all at present from y^r Father J.B. Witherslack, Nov. 28. 1700.

To my Father

Dec. 20. 1700. S^r. The nuts we received as speedily as co'd be expected, and they were very acceptable to us all, especially to M^{rs} Rich^d, who gives you her thanks & service. In y^e bagg I put a gown & sent y^m to Lancaster where Humphrey tells me y. yet are. You may please to send for y^m any Saturday & they will be deliver'd. The last of Nov^r I had a letter from y^e B^p. wherein he tells me, he had revoked y^e inhibition sent agst M^r Miles, and y^t M^r Proddy may (if he please) suffer him to officiate till further orders from him. If y^e Chappellry wo'd augment y^e Sallery M^r Miles might out immediately. My Service & Duty to y^r Self, Mother and all friends concludes y^s from Y^r obed. son & serv^t T.B. Some of y^e nuts were sent as a Valuable present to Leverpoole.

The Clark gave me y^e following letter on Sunday Jan. 12. 1700.

My dear Schoolfellow. After my dear Respects and my Service to your M^r & M^{rs} I humbly begg of You to publish y^e banns of Matrimony

betwixt Tho: Taylor & Ann Eskame, both of Your Parish (and mine) & You will further oblige your Serv^t (to whom Y^r M^r has given joy) whilst
 — Tho: Hunter.

M^r Corless leaving our school, and y^e Parish being at a want for a Master, I was desired to take charge thereof upon me : w^{ch} I promised to do : But first I acquainted y^e B^d therewth as followes.

Feb. 18. 1700. My L^d The importunate desire of some leading Men in our Parish has prevailed wth me to take care of y^e School (w^{ch} is now w^{thout} a M^r) if Y^r L^d. shall think it convenient for me so to do : On y^s condition I have promised to teach, either till a more fit person offers his service, or till I be tired wth y^t Employ. I have not confidence to begg an answer to y^s, yet shall so far presume on y^r Lps permission as to begin School a week or two hence if I hear nothing from y^r Lp. to y^e contrary. If this my undertaking be approv'd of by y^r Lp. I shall wish to be put in a better method of teaching y^a many schoolmasters practice, and to be inform'd w^t Bookes are most likely to make Boys Christians as well as Linguists. But I dare not expect either from y^r Lp having been too troublesome already. I am (my Ld) Y^r Lps very humble and much obliged Serv^t T.B.

To my Father after I had been at Witherslack.

Kirkland. Feb. 28. S^r. This may inform You y^t I came safely hither last night Tho I was somew^t indispos'd wth riding or otherwise, but to day I am indifferent well. I did not call at Ulvah,¹ for I fear'd I was back enough o'th' tide, as afterwards I found it, for at Keer y^e flood was very near me. Twas *very* misty on y^e land but cleared on y^e Sand, yet bad enough on both, however I got well over, and was at Lancaster before eleven. I 'lighted at Will. Sharps, and gave Deborah y^e shilling, You ordered me, and dined wth her ; About two I mounted, and (wth some pain) got hither about 5. I am Y^r ob. son & serv^t T.B. My Duty to Mother.

On y^e last of Feb. I received y^s.

Good S^r If You can submit to y^e trouble and fatigue of teaching a school, I doubt not but You will do a good service to y^e Publick : in undertaking y^t at Garstang, you shall not only have my Approbation but Thanks for it. It would be some satisfaction to me to know why M^r Corless has thrown it up, and how and where he is now imployd. Be pleased to present my hearty Respects to M^r Richmond and his Lady. I am S^r Y^r affectionate B^r N. Cestriens. From M^r John Claytons house in Stable Yard at Westminster Feb. 25. 1700.

This I answer'd thus,

K. March y^e 1st. My Lord I humbly thank y^r Lordship for y^r Last, and make bold now to return You y^s *Trouble*, y^t y^r Lordship may know y^e reason of M^r Corless's leaving us, w^{ch} was (if I mistake not) smallness of

¹ Ulpha is a village on the west side of the estuary of the river Kent, about 5 miles N.E. of Cartmel.

Sallery. At present only 4^s p annum is paid to y^e Schoolm^r and his scholars were not many, and gō being invited to teach school and read prayers at Langton¹ Chappel (3 miles from Preston) He complied wth y^t desire, and has been imploy'd there since Candlemas. The Sallery is said to be 25^s a year w^{ch} [is] much better yⁿ y^t w^h He had at Kirkland, w^{ch} may be thought inducem^t enough to make him change his habitation for w^{ch} He is to preach once a month & teach school 5 days a week. This is y^e best information I can give y^r Lordship of M^r Corless, w^{ch} I hope y^r Lordship will candidly accept from, my Lord. Y^r Lordsp^s very humble Serv^t. T.B.

To D^r Tarleton.²

March 5^o. S^r. Last summer at Liverpool I acquainted You wth a troublesome tooth I had, and since have frequently wash'd it wth Brandy and Myrrh according to y^r Orders : Now I apply my self to You for further Directions, for I fear it growes worse : And y^t You may y^e better Know how to judge on't, I shall give You the best account of it I can. About a dozen yeares ago at Oxon I got a grievous fall, & pitching on my face, all my foreteeth both above and below were beat inward, but one y^t made its way thrō my lip. Wth a little pain and trouble I placed y^m right again and they all in a short time were wel except y^s (y^t I now complain of) w^{ch} was not, as y^e rest, shaken from y^e root but broken. I was not willing to have it pull'd out, bec. it is one of those w^{ch} are most Visible, and gō I let it hang on in y^e flesh. 'Twas little or no trouble to me for four or five yeares, but yⁿ a pain over my left Ey, descended into my left cheek, w^{ch} afterwards fell into y^e Gumm adjoyning to y^s bad tooth : My gum swelled and brake at y^e tooth and after some corrupted matter was run from it 'twas well again. After y^s it aked a little sometimes, but I had no great reason to make any out cries ont, till four yeares ago, y^t y^e old pain return'd violently over my Ey, and thence descended into y^e Gumm w^{ch} brake as before. Then I had ease, but contrary to expectation it wo'd not dry up again, for ever since it has continued open, a thick white purulent matter running from it. The Orifice at first was very small, and even wth y^e top of y^e Tooth, but now 'tis grown bigger, and y^e matter flows more copiously. It is not usually very painfull, but I fear it may grow to some w^t of bad consequence if let alone ; The flesh about it is partly mortified, & Senseless, and wⁿ I wash it sometimes a corrupted blood springs out. S^r, I begg y^r advice by y^e bearer or otherwise, and shall not fail to satisfy You, wⁿ I shall Know y^r demands both for directions and Medicaments : if You shall think it convenient to send any to, S^r, Y^r humble serv^t T.B. My Service attends y^r Lady & Daughter.

On Sunday March y^e 9^o I gave notice In y^e Church, y^t I wo'd begin School y^e morrow in y^e following Words. To morrow I design (wth Gods leave) to begin school at y^e school house : And gō You y^t have

¹ Longton : it is nearly 5 miles S.W. from Preston.

² John Tarleton (1650-1721). (The Moore Rental, Chet. Soc., Vol. 12 (O.S.), p. 82.) The Tarletons were a well-known Liverpool family. A pedigree is in *Burke's Landed Gentry*, 1906.

any children, You desire sho'd be instructed in Religion and human Learning, may send y^m to me there. It shall be my Endeav^r to instill y^e Principles (& Practice too) of X^ty into y^r minds, as well as Letters and Words: I'm sure y^t is far more needfull yⁿ t^other, thô (I fear) 'tis far more neglected by many Masters. I dare promise nothing as to my own Performance; yet y^s I may say wth out Vanity, y^t I have taught school, to y^e generall benefit of y^e Learners: and y^t our B^p. has not only approv'd of my present design, but has also by Letter given me thanks for it. Perhaps y^e superaddition of Charge to w^t I allready have upon me, may prove a Burden too heavy for me to bear: If I find it so, I shall willingly resign to such an one as You shall think more fit for y^s imploy: and in y^e mean time, do w^t good I am able amongst You.

To M^{rs} Richmond at Orford

March y^e 9^o. Madam, Y^r Son Kept possession of y^e house y^s forenoon while Nurse was at Church, and I found him very hearty and pleasant wⁿ I came in. Nurse and Jinny give y^r service to You, and y^e latter had me tell You y^r Stockings are at Garstang, and wo'd know how she may convey y^m to You. The enclosed came to y^e Vicarage on Friday, but I co'd not conveniently return it y^t day, & hope it may yet seasonably reach You. I begg my Service may be divided amongst Y^r relations about Warrington, as you shall see y^m and be pleas'd to reserve a share to y^r Self for I am Madam, Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Brookbank This,

S^r. The Bearer hereof (my Wifes Son) comes to be y^r Schollar: I desire You'l make him mind his business, and as he wants any books, if You please to let me Know he shall be furnish'd by y^r hum: Ser^v. Tho: Beesley. Garstang, March 10. 1700.

This I received March 12.

Orford y^e 10 March, Sir. I give You a thousand Thanks for y^r Letter, and sho'd this day have given You y^e trouble of a scribble, thô I had heard nothing from Garstang, for I do suppose it will be very welcome Newes to tell You y^t poor Sall perform'd her journey very stoutly, and is, I hope, pretty well: My Dear M^r Rich^d went y^s morning to Liverpool, but I hope will return to Morrow: He did design wⁿ he went to send James on Wednesday to Garstang. If he hould his Resolution, I pray tell Janny to send y^e stockings by him. My dear love to nurse, & acquaint her y^t as I went I bought my Sill¹ a pair of shoes, & Flannen to be him 2 wastecoats. I left y^m wth M^{rs} Rushton at y^e Sun and desired she wo'd get y^m to y^e Vicarage by some of y^e Market folkes. As I remember Sil wants stockings, I desire y^e Nurse will take him 2 pair of Ann Preston. I hope You have had a good beginning in y^r School, I pray God speed You. Accept my Service, and

¹ Her son Silvester.

give my Love and respects to all friends & Neighbours, particularly y^e two Nurses and Jeny. I suppose y^e Turkies are sent up to nurse Latus, pray Jany to send light corn enough to keep y^m wth. Father Mother Sisters give y^r kind respects to You, w^{ch} is all I shall add but y^t I am S^r y^r obliged friend & serv^t Bridg^t Richmond.

Before I answer'd y^s I received y^e following on by James.

Orford March y^e 13th. Brother All friends at leverpool pres^t you wth y^r Service, And D^r Tarleton will send you directions wⁿ we return. James's chief business is to set these young Poplars (lest He forget) after y^s manner. Y^e Potato-Bed next to Machines must be delved a foot deep, and y^e Trees put down 2 feet a sunder at least, and 9 inches into y^e ground; remind him to put y^m in water as soon as He lights. Present our hearty respects to all our Neighbours, & tell John Harris y^e is little Encouragem^t for his Son, for y^e Seamen are in daily expectation of a Man of War to Press y^m, and its fear'd there will be a greater stop to Trade yⁿ any time of y^e last War; but if y^e face of things alter when we go to stay at Liverpool, I shall give an account w^t Method will be best for him. You may intimate how generous y^e Feofees are in y^r Proposals about all matters relating to the School. Remember us to nurses and Jinny. Our blessing and a dozen Kisses to my lad. Y^e Service of all here attends You, particularly y^t of y^r Brother & Serv^t Henry Richmond.

My Answers were as followes.—To M^{rs} Richmond at Orford.

March. 14. Maddam, Y^r Supposition was well grounded, for we longed to hear of Miss's safe arrival at Orford, and are now glad to know y^t She, and You are all well; And to make You a suitable return for y^r good newes I now tell You y^t M^r Sil. is also in good health and has got two teeth since You saw him. His shoes & $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of Flannen are come, and nurse has gott his stockings. My service to little Sal and tell her, her Nurse has another little girle, y^t may live to be a play fellow for her; she was born on Wednesday at night, and y^t day I saw her Mother Who is in a hopefull way. Turkies are not gone to th^r Nook bec. of Nurses confinement. I thank you for y^e good speed You wish'd me, but perhaps I made more haste yⁿ good speed, for On Monday I staid in y^e School-house till I was allmost starved, and no body came so much as to see how I did. I am to remind You from M^{rs} Butler of two Japan Salvors she at Xmas desired You to buy her at Liverpool, and y^t I am Y^r humble Serv^t T.B. Nurses &c give y^r Service to You &c.

To M^r Richmond at Orford

March 14. S^r. Last night past 8. James safely arrived here, and took care of his Carriage, and y^s day, wth his Father and me has been busied in new plantations. I can tell You nothing of y^e Feofees Generosity: if they have any they are afraid to lose it, for y. Keep it up so close y^t no man can see it. I gave notice on Sunday, y^t I design'd to begin School, y^e Morrow, and next morning I attended till noon, but had nothing to do. Ellen Lucas (I was told) came, and one from Garstang in y^e afternoon, but I was sent for to visit a Sick man and saw neighther. Jo:

Harris's Sons &c are a learningh write &c at Garstang. I gave y^r Blessing y^s morning to y^r Son but 6 y^e dozen Kisses; however I am y^r Serv^t T.B.

W^t followes I received wth a Packet of Bookes y^e 15th.—

Witherslack March 4: 1700 Loving Son. We had Yours and are glad y^t You got well home. Yesterday I went to Hodgshill, where I had a fit Opportunity to discourse y^e old Man about Windermear, who told me y^t he Knew Parson Wakefield, Parson Archer, Kemp and Wood. A great contest had Kemp and Wood about y^e living, and spent A boundance of money: For after y^e death of Parson Archer M^r Brathwaite of Ambleside presented Kemp, and after a time Kemp went to London, and provided for two Sundays in his absence; and He not coming again wthin y^e expected time M^r Huddleston Phillipson, who lived at, and ow[n]ed y^e Estate in y^e Isle in Windarmere Water presented Wood, and when Kemp came again y^e contention began. The conclusion was y^t they were both outed by y^e Commissioners, who yⁿ had power and M^r Wilson presented by M^r Brathwaite of Ambleside, And M^r Huddleston Phillipson of y^e Isle in y^e Water. And y^t Power y^t M^r Brathwaite had, I suppose my Lady Otway¹ hath, and y^t power y^t M^r Phillipson of y^e Island had, his son S^r X^{pher} Phil^a hath. The living is valued at about four score pounds per annum. There is a good house and Glebe about worth 26^l or 30^l per annum. You may consider of y^s, and if You go on wth y^r design I will (God assisting) help You about it. The Man is very fresh and lively and may live long. We have herewth Sent You y^e Packet. This is all at present from y^r Parents, J M Brookbank.

Son I wrote y^s Letter y^e last week, but y^e tyde did not serve to cross y^e Sands, and Newton people did none of y^m go to Lancaster, gō y^e matter was deferr'd. Christobel Bowes is dead, but not buried. Will: Bowness' wife is delivered of a Son. Will. Dickenson is dangerously Sick. James Kellet is in a Wavering Condition. This is all at y^e 2nd present from Y^r parents J M Brockbank Witherslack March 12th 1700.

To Madame Richmond at Orford by James

March y^e 16th. Madam, The conveniency of Carriage tempts me to give You y^e Trouble of y^s, by w^{ch} You can learn little newes, except Raph's Bettie's Christing may be thought such. I dined today at y^e Nook wth y^e Gossips, James Robie's son, my Quondam Betty, & John Sturzaker's daughter of Humleskirk; The good wife ith' straw is well for y^e time, and will be ambitious to serve You. I say nothing of y^r son, bec. Nurse has taken y^t Task upon herself, and has perform'd it well (no doubt) in her Letter, if it be not overdone. *I cave not to pry into good wives secrets other wise I sho'd be tempted to commit Burglary to Know w^t y^t is y^t may not be*

¹ Lady Otway appears to be Elizabeth, dau. of John Braithwaite, and niece and heiress of Thomas Braithwaite of Ambleside, and 2nd wife of Sir John Otway, Kt., of Ingmire, Westmoreland. Sir John was largely instrumental in effectuating the Restoration, was knighted, was sometime M.P. for Preston, and died in 1693. (*V.C.H. Lancs.* Vol. 8, p. 143, and *Burke's Commons*, Vol. 4, 1838, p. 387.)

committed. You may please to refresh our Memories about wt You wo'd have done in y^e Garden; I did speak to Unkle Lawder, and he said he wo'd come w^a y^e Time was convenient, but w^a y^t will be I Know not. If my insignificant service be worth dividing among y^r Relations, I pray you to take y^t trouble upon You but wth y^s Caution y^t You Keep a double portion to y^r Self, for I am Y^r very humble serv^t T.B.

To M^{rs} Richmond at Liverpool.

March y^e 23^d. Madam, Since my last nource Brown's Son is come home, and now is wth his Grandmother Ann Preston, w^{ch} is y^e greatest Newes I can tell You: We have had a thick snow and very cold weather & both continue yet. W^{ch} makes me glad I have not taken possession of y^e cold School. Jenny has sent 11 french books by y^e bearer, and also her service, and is very busie to get y^e tow out of y^e way before You come home again. I baptiz'd James Glave a son to day, and had Rob^t Taylor of Polton to bear me company at dinner, who expected to have met wth or heard something of, y^r Father at y^e Vicarage. I have nothing to say of y^r Son, but y^t hee's well, as most of our Neighbours are thô many are out of order in y^e Parish. My humble service to y^r self M^r R. & all my good friends at or about Liverpool concludes y^s from Madam Y^r humble Serv^t T.B. Leonard y^e Chandler desires You to think of his Kettle; and Nanny Anderton, of her Son.

W^t followes I received and answered y^e 27^o.—For y^e Revd. M^r Henry Richmond Vicar of Garstang, or in his absence to M^r Brookebank.

S^r. M^r Longworth tells me y^t y^e Clergy will convene at our Town on Tuesday next. I could have wished y^e matter might have been otherwise ordered by reason I fear I cannot be wth You, but 'tis too late to countermand y^t Affair now, unless it had been prevented at Goosenargh.¹ However I desire You'l be pleased to give me an account by y^e Bearer how your last Resolves were, and how many You suppose will be here if matters proceed according to y^e account I had given. Y^r answer herin will extremely oblige y^r humble Serv^t Jo. Winter.² Cockerham³ Martii 27th, 1701.

This I answer'd Thus.

S^r In answer to y^{rs} I can only return You this: That nothing was resolv'd upon at Goosenargh bec. y^e Appearance was not great; and especially (I suppose) in y^t D^r Fainton was not wth us. I cannot tell w^t number may be at Cockerham, but I think M^r Rigby of Middleton,⁴ M^r Longworth, some Gentlemen from Preston &c may attend, and dine wth

¹ A township about 6 miles N. of Preston.

² John Winter was instituted Vicar of Cockerham, 27 Mar. 1697, and died in 1722. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

³ A township, etc., 6 miles S. of Lancaster.

⁴ Thomas Rigby of Middleton Hall, in Goosenargh, 1657-1709. (*Fishwick's History of Goosenargh.*)

y^e Clergy there, So y^t Dinners for 10 or 12 may be bespoke. I am y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Waite at y^e Palace in Chester.

March 28. S^r Since M^r Corless left us, I have been prevailed wth to take y^e charge of y^e School upon me, and if I find my self able to undergo y^e tiresom Employ of Teaching, I shall waite on my Lord and You for a Licence when opportunity serves. In y^e mean time I begg of You to assist me wth y^e advice in a business about w^{ch} I am not well satisfied : 'Tis Concerning y^e Vicarage of Windermere in Westmorland, y^e next Presentation whereof (I am informed) has been exposed to sale by my Lady Otway. Now if I might lawfully purchase this, and present my Self (if it pleased God y^t I sho'd survive y^e Incumbent) is w^t I desire to know. I have no Encouragem^t to think on y^s but only my Fathers purse, and y^t 'tis not far from my Relations, For y^e benefit is not great, and it lies in a barbarous Country : y^e present Incumbent is a very healthy man, and (but for his yeares) more likely to live yⁿ my Self, and besides, they tell me, y^t y^e sole power of presenting is not in my Lady Otway. All w^{ch} are strong Disuasives from such a design. S^r I humbly desire y^r Thoughts of y^s matter, and Instructions how to proceed if y^t may be convenient, w^{ch} will mightily oblige Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

The following letter I received y^e same day viz^t March 28.

M^r Brookbank, For some reasons I have in respect to y^e young Girl E. W.¹ You pretend to court, she being indeed some little related to me, and one y^t I do really wish well, and y^t I hope You'l find nor see nothing but y^t she is a well educated, and a good humoured Girl, and tho', some people I Know is pleased to speak something sleighty of her fortune yeat I do not question but y^t it will be very considerable, to answer your Expectation, especially if she be made choise on by You, & I hope You will pretend nothing but w^t You will performe to her, so y^t I cannot but have a Kindness for You, tho not much acquainted wth You as yeat however I something troubled to hear some little reports which was intimated to me y^t might seem to come as I suppose from your Clark, w^{ch} he was pleased to discorde something one at Garstang, so they hearing Y^r Name brought in, made y^m give a little more ear tho unknown to him or his company one thing is y^t You was nothing of a schollar to w^t M^r Richmond is, another thing was you must be forced to take a new subject to preach on since the Clerk is got married, and tho M^r Richmond cary very fair yeat he and his wife is inwardly uneasy and could wish you weare married or boarded out of the house, because some of their Relations do not Respect You and that M^r Richmond had some thoughts of the schoolmaster w^{ch} was at y^r Town, but I hear he hath got other preferment wth severall other Sleighty Expressions against You but y^t it would be too tedious to tell. So since y^t Man (I hear) is gone, and y^t He hath not him to depend on, and y^t (I suppose) You are a Man of a competent Estate, and capable of getting better preferm^t yⁿ w^t M^r Richmond is said to allow You, if You leave him in y^e Lurch at y^e first opportunity it is good enough for him.

¹ Elizabeth Whittingham.

So to Keep You for discovering at present who I am here is nothing but two letters for my name R.T.¹

This came to my hand March y^e 29.

Bashall the 19 day. Sir. the las time wee was to gether You desired me to let You Know how I got to my Brothers and this was the first opportunity y^t i had of leting You Know y^t we got very well to our iornes end and I am beter of my could then i was the last time You sawe me and I have taken sum thing y^t hath don mee good for my could and I am paty [*sic*] well in heath [*sic*] and I would gladly hear how You lick teaching of scool, and if You take so much trouble upon You as to send me a leter pray Let me Know how your foolk got to thear Journeys end and pray give my servis to Your Jaen [?] and You may derect your leter to be Left at M^r Mirs shop in Church gate in Preston, and I shall get some body to call for it and for feare y^t it should tyer Your pacions with my bad writing and my Nonsense i shall say no more but my Service to your Self which is all from your Servant to Command Eliz Whittingham.

This y^e same day

Leverpool y^e 27 of March. Dear Sir. I give You many Thanks for y^r Kind letter: I write to Nurce Brown last week concerning her little boy, but heard nothing from her. I desire y^t in y^r Next You will hint whether she Sayes any thing about nursing my next child if it please God I need: I did inform her y^t I design'd to take Nurse Latus, but w^t she sayes to it I w^od gladly Know but pray take no Notice y^t I write any thing of it to You: I hope Nource Latus is in a good way of recovery, or You w^od have said something of her. My Respects to both Nurses, Jeny and all our Neighbours y^t enquire after us. My Spouse and Sall are both very well, and give y^r Love and Service to You: We have had a great deall of Snow and very cold weather, but 'tis something better now: It was late last night before we came here, so y^t I have not time to do any thing for Leonard or y^e Other, but shall

¹ R.T. stands for Richard Turnley of Sparth, in Clayton-le-Moors, and formerly of Thornley in the Parish of Chipping. He married as his 2nd wife Agnes, sister and coheir of Robert Cottam of Sparth. This corrects the statement in the *History of Clayton-le-Moors* that he married Robert Cottam's widow. He became mortgagee of Sparth in Feb. 1698 (N.S.) and about the same time married Agnes Cottam. He purchased Sparth absolutely in 1702. Though he speaks of Elizabeth Whittingham as being "some little related to me," she and her future husband Thomas Brookbank speak of Turnley as her (and his) uncle. I believe Elizabeth Whittingham's mother was Turnley's sister. In the end Turnley left the bulk of his property to Thomas Brookbank. It may be of interest to note that Isabel, widow of Richard Cottam of Sparth, and dau. and coheirress of Robert Cunliffe of the same (which Isabel was mother of Agnes Cottam), in her will dated 4 May, 1680, mentions her debt to Thomas Marsden, Vicar of Walton, who occurs so frequently in these pages. (See *History of Clayton-le-Moors* (Chet. Soc., Vol. 85, N.S.), p. 106; and *Clitheroe in the 17th Century*, by W. S. Weeks, F.S.A.) Turnleysurvived his wife Agnes, and died at Cartmel (where he retired to live with the Brookbanks). His will, dated 25 Sept., 1713, was proved 22 June, 1728. An abstract of it is given in the *History of Clayton-le-Moors*, above referred to.

not fail to think on y^m both: All here presents you wth y^r respects & Service, and Sister Houghton¹ is pretty well as we say for y^e time; Pardon my sad scribbling & accept y^e true respects of Y^r obliged friend & Serv^t Bridg^t Richmond. I fear we shall find You wth a poor lenten look leaving so little for You to make much of y^r self wth, but I desire y^t whose ale in town You like best to send freely for, & leave the score to me. I['] glad to hear Jinny Spins so hard, & hope she will have y^e whole ready agst I come home.

Y^e Answer—To M^{rs} Bridget Richmond at Liverpool

March 29. Madam, Y^{rs} by R. King I received y^s afternoon, & return You y^s to let You Know we are glad you are well. Since I had y^{rs} I was wth both Nurces, who are well to outward appearance, thō possibly one may have an inward pain: Her M^r is in good health, and I doubt not she co^d wish to have such an other, but she's too deep to be pump'd. Little Sal's serv^t desires her duty may be given to You all and hopes to do You some more Service. I am glad to hear of M^{rs} Houghtons¹ safe delivery, and good condition, and wish Her & M^r Houghton much joy and happiness in y^r young son, to w^m I begg of You to give my Service, and to y^e rest of my very good Friends at Liverpool. M^m Longworth told Jinny to remove y^e Potatoes into y^e barn, w^{ch} she has done to day, and says there are 4 or 5 Windles, very good and sound. On Wednesday John Tyrars eldest son, & Charles y^e son of Ri. Ray were buried; The former fell down dead as he was making ready for bed on Monday night. This day Ri. Trinson died, but y^e rest of our sick Folks are a recovering. Yesterday I received a Letter from an unknown hand, subscribed R.T. in w^{ch} y^e Writer is pleased to intimate he is my Friend thō not Acquaintance, and is sorry to hear Such Reports as go abroad of me, and w^{ch} our Clark has been pleased to divulge publicly at Garstang. But he says I am nothing of a schollar, I can well bear, bec. he spake it in comparison of M^r Richmond. That I must change my Subject now he's got married is a meer grin, y^e Curr shewes his teeth but bites not: But y^e rest wo^d vex me did I not Know him to be a true blue Cretian, alwayes a Liar. He has given it out amongst a mixt company, where were divers unknown to him, y^t M^r R^d & you indeed carry fair towards me, but are much tired wth my company, y^t You wo^d have me married, or boarded out, or any thing to get rid of me, bec. some of y^r Relations respect me not. That M^r R^d had a design to turn me away, and take M^r Corless* for his Assistant, wth a length w^{ch} my unknown friend intimates I may Know an other time. I make no Reflections on this, only I cannot but admire w^t y^e fellow wo^d have, I wo^d have Thought y^e prize he has won from me, might have stopt his mouth, but sure he thinks to set off himself by disparaging me, and to make y^e World believe his judicious Wife made choice of Merit not of person. I find he has been buzzing ill reports of me a good while into peoples Eares, and I perceive from y^t shagreen Air I see in some faces, y^t he has in part prevailed wth y^m to think me a very ordinary Person.—But

¹ Margaret, sister of Henry Richmond, married Richard Houghton of Liverpool.

I trespass on y^r Patience, for w^{ch} I begg pardon and leave to subscribe my Self (Madam) Y^r very humble serv^t T.B.

March 30^o: Jinny sends you her Service, & to M^r R^d and little Sall, & desires me to tell You M^{rs} Whiteheads Moss-dale is disposed off; and also y^t she wo'd be proud of a black damask manteau of y^r chusing, if y^t were not too much trouble for her to put You.

James brought me y^s answer, April y^e 2^d.

Liverpool y^e 2^d April. S^r. Y^{rs} I received and am very glad to hear y^t all at Garstang are in good health. We have spoke to all our Friends about Nanny Andertons Sons, but none of y^m is at want of such a Serv^t., and as to enquiring after a M^r to put him too of his own trade we have not had time since y^{rs} came; but shall here after let her Know w^t y. say. I have been my self y^s morning at all y^e hard wear shops to see if there was any Kettle for Leonard, but there is not one in Town. There is pots of all sizes, y. hold y^m on 3^d half penny y^e pound, w^{ch} I suppose hee will thinke very dear. Brother Houghton byes all hee uses at Chester where he hath y^m cheaper, & of w^t make he will. I shall look after a stuff for Jane. Y^r private Letter intimating y^t y^e Clark spoke those things in a mixt company, we desire you will take y^e paines to enquire some of y^m out, who will affirm it to his face, y^t we may make an Example of such an intollerable Fellow. In y^e mean time be assured we had never such a design as to get You out of our family nor desired You any where else so long as You wo'd be pleased wth our entertainment, and my Spouse hath declared publickly hee wo'd not encourage M^r Corles, wth y^e prospect of succeeding You, if You got preferment, so far was he from any such thing as is mentioned in y^e Letter. I hope 'tis needless to say any thing how much y^e Clarke wrongs us in y^s report, since You Know him to practice of late little but lyes & mischief. I shall trouble you wth no more of y^s, but desire You will accept our true respects and service, wth y^e rest of our Friends here. I shall be very thankfull for a letter now and then, so conclude S^r y^r obliged friend & Serv^t B. Richmond. Doctor Tarlton sayes he will send You directions by us it beeing time a Nuff.

To y^s I replied

K. Ap. 4. Madam. James was wth us on Wednesday before 9 at night and deliver'd y^r Letter, for w^{ch} I thank You, and am glad to hear You all continue well. Since my last I have learnt no newes to tell you, unless it be y^t Nanny Harries's Father is dead, and y^t (I believe) her Younger Son wo'd gladly have a commission from You to come to Lev. Perhaps You have not heard y^t 5. were condemn'd last assises [Rob^t Biesley is to be hanged next Wednesday y^e say¹] and gō it may not be unacceptable to tell You y^t 3 young housebreakers & two old Money-Makers had sentence of Death pass'd and is to be executed on y^m (as I hear) next Wednes-day; One of y^e Coiners is our Neighbour Biesley, whose hanged body is to be brought hither. James had 3 pecks of

¹ The words within square brackets are written in the margin at the foot of the page.

Potatoes to y^e Market yesterday & sold y^m for 2^s 11^d. He thinks there may be 3 Windles more, w^{ch} He doubts not to dispose of before he return to You. Y^r Son is a getting more teeth, w^{ch} a little indiscompose him, yet he is very hearty & pleasant. Nurse Latus has some swelling in a breast, y^t is some trouble to her, but otherwise is very well. M^r Ric. Whitehead told Ja: at Town y^t he had got a dole for You. This, wth my humble service to y^rself and all good friends wth You is all at present from Y^r humble serv^t T.B. If y^e D^r send anything by you, I sho'd be obliged to you, if you wo'd be pleased to satisfy him for it.

To M^r Richmond at Leverpool, id.

S^r. Last Tuesday I walk'd to Cockerham where You were wanted: The appearance was small, so y^t nothing was concluded about y^e Summers Lectures but only y^s y^t The next meeting sho'd be at Michaels,¹ of w^{ch} all our clergy are to have notice, and to be desired to appear there. I shall give notice for y^e Sac^t on Palm Sunday as usuall, and administer it too if You come not home before y^t time. Pray give y^e inclosed to w^m directed, and accept y^e service of S^r y^r humble serv^t T.B.

To M^r Marsden at Walton. id.

S^r I have been prevail'd wth to take charge of y^e school at y^s place upon me, and am entered upon an Employ w^{ch} I am Sensible is very difficult to be performed aright: This makes me sue to You at present, and to begg of You y^t to all y^r experienced Favours you wo'd please to add one more: viz^t To inform me w^t Method You think most fit for me to use, and w^t bookes to have read in my School. I have a good while been out of Love wth y^e usuall way of Teaching: especially so much wanton & (not to say obscene & profane) Poetry as most schooles abound wth seems to me not proper for y^e first seeds to be sown in those who sho'd be X^{ans}. Bookes of Morality and humane prudence I sho'd rather chuse, or such as laye down y^e Principles of X^{aty}, and teach Language & Religion at y^e same time. If you can spare a quarter of an hour for y^s I hope it wo'd be for a public good, or if it sho'd fail of y^t it co'd not miss very highly to oblige S^r y^r allready much obliged humble Serv^t T.B. My humble service attends y^r daughters & y^r Neighbours at y^e Parsonage.²

To Eliz. Whittingham at Bashal ³—id.

Mrs Betty, I cannot tell how many thanks to give You for yours of y^e 19 March, but sho'd be much to blame, if I did not return You an answer to't wⁿ You seem to desire to Know how I like Teaching school: To satisfy You in y^t I can tell You so long as I have but four or five (w^{ch} is my present number of schollars) I shall do well enough wth y^m but sho'd y. encrease perhaps y. wo'd make me repent y^t I e'r began to teach. Our

¹ St. Michaels-on-Wyre.

² The neighbours at the Parsonage are Richard Richmond, Rector of Walton, eldest brother of Henry R. of Garstang, and his wife and family.

³ Bashall is a large township in the parish of Mytton, co York., and lies about 3 miles W. of Clitheroe.

Folks got well to Orford and are now at Liverpool; I have had many letters from y^m and do wish there was as good a Post Road from hence to you, as to y^m; for yⁿ You sho'd hear often from me and I wo'd hope also to hear from You. Y^{rs} was 10 dayes in coming, and perhaps y^s may be as long e'r it reach You. I dare write neither Fustian, nonsense, nor lies, for I Know not whose fingers may be busy wth y^s and some roguish body may chance to commit burglary on't; if any do so, I only tell y^m they are busy fools, and had as good let it alone, for I'm sure y'l discover no plot either agst K. or Parliam^t. by y^s Last Friday I received a Letter, but from w^m they are wiser far yⁿ I y^t can tell, for 'twas only subscribed R.T. Ralph Tildsley, Rachel Thompson, or ——— I Cannot tell who. But its all one for y^t. The Letter I had, and it came from a Relation of y^{rs}, y^{ts} all I can tell of y^e writer. The Matter it contain'd was—I think I must not tell you w^t till I see You next—yet now I consider better on't, You may chance to long if I don't tell You, it was y^s That M^r Clark, alias M^r Lucas, alias M^r Goose, alias w^t You will, Has called me a very silly fellow among a great deal of folk at Garstang, and y^t M^r Richmond cared not a pin for me, but in show &c. It was not just y^s but it was somew^t like it. I wo'd thank my informer if I Knew who 'twas, but sho'd be much more obliged to him or her wo'd he or she tell me of any y^t durst say y^s before some bodies face y^t I co'd name. But stop pen, Stop; I shall quite tire you wth y^s long Letter w^{ch} I doubt is partly nonsense; If it be y^r goodness will pardon it, and all other faults in y^r humble serv^t T.B. Rob^t Biesley is to be hanged next Wednesday y. say.

To M^r Will. Chippendale¹ at Bashel near Clitheroe. To be left wth M^r Mires at his shop in Churchgate in Preston.

Kirkland Ap. 4. 1701. M^r Chippendale. This is to give You thanks for y^r Civilitie towards me wⁿ I was wth You, and to desire You to give y^e inclosed to whom directed. This wth my Service to y^r Selfe and good wife is all y^e Trouble y^t is at present put on You by Y^r friend & serv^t T.B.

To my Father. id.

S^r. I wo'd sooner have answer'd y^r last (w^{ch} I received wth y^e Bookes very safely) but y^t I have been very busy. I thank You for y^r Information, and trouble You have been at about Windermere, but whether I shall proceed any further I cannot yet tell. I have writ to y^e Bishops Secretary, but have had no answer as yet. Our Folks are at Liverpool, and all y^e burden of y^e Parish is upon me, so y^t I am indeed in full imploy but very well. My School is very small, but it will encrease. My duty & service to Mother & to w^m else due, and give me leave to subscribe my self Y^r Obedient Son & Serv^t T.B.

The 10^o I received w^t follow from y^e hand of a boy.

Bashal the 9 day of April. S^{or} I having this Opertunaty by this messenger which came to my fathers I maid bould to give you ons more

¹ William Chippendale of Bashall, married at Mytton, 20 Apr. 1692, Ellen, dau. of Thomas Whittingham of Westfield, and sister of the Elizabeth Whittingham whom Thomas Brookbank is now courting, and whom he eventually married.

the troubl of a few lins to let you Know y^t I am in good health and I should be very glad to heare y^e same from You by this messinger but I Know y^e bisnes is very great now but if you could Spair so much time i should be very glad to hear from you and would have You to let me Know whether you did receave any leter from me before now or not I did send You won in March but i cannot tell wether You receeved it or not so in haist i rest Your Servant to command Eliz Whittingham.

My Answer.—To M^{rs} Eliz. W. at Bashel

Ap. 10. My dear Betty. Tis late and y^e Messenger stayes so y^t You must excuse me if I cannot make You so suitable a return as I sho^d. Let me however in great haste tell You I heartily thank You for y^{rs} both of yesterday and y^e 19 of March. That of March I had y^e 29 & answered it but I find it has not reach'd You, as I was affraid it wo^d not, but y^s I hope Will; By this You may please to Know y^t I am well and y^s day safely entered upon y^e—I dare not tell you w^t year of mine Age. Rob^t Biesley was hang'd yesterday wth 4 more at Lancaster, and 2 or 3 houres ago was buried in our Church-yard. Our Folks are not yet return'd from Leverpool, but I hear y. are well, and Expect y^m home at Easter. In my last I writ somew^t about a Letter y^t came to me from an unknown hand w^{ch} I shall not now repeat for lack of Time. Pardon Abruptness, & please to let me subscribe my Self Y^r humble serv^t T.B. Jenny sends you her service, & pray give mine wth Thanks to y^r Bro.¹ & Sis. & Tell y^m I wish y^m Joy.

This from M^{rs} Cowpers daughter.

Liverpoole y^e 8th Aprill. Sir. I must give You y^e trouble of one letter more to desire You will acquaint James y^t on Saturday next hee must com, in order to fetch us home: My Dear M^r Richmd hath been out of sorts wth a cold, but is I hope som thing better: he is gone y^s day to Ormskirk: where M^r Pickering ² of Croston is to preach a lecture Sermon: They say y^e side of y^e Pulpit is took down to give way to his fat Corps. My Spouse is glad you design to administer Sac^t on Sunday next being w^t is used and w^t he proposed to be don, I shall write a line to Nanny Harris about there son, but as for his coming hear it will be of no service to us because we are forced to take a Serv^t from here to bring y^e horse back I am to ride on; I am affraid y^s dry weather will pine y^e young trees we set, but James had orders to water y^m if he saw y. wanted it: and if he hath begun to water y^m pray S^r see y^t Jane do it onst a day in his absence: or it will be worse for y^m yⁿ if he had never begun wth y^m. bid her be sure remember y^e Woodbine trees in y^e Court: I hope I need not doubt but she will take care of brewing small here against we come: and if she think there is a want let her Know on Saturday I tould her where to take Mault: I was very much concern'd y^t Nurse Latus had an llness in her breast: If it troubles her still pray let me know how it is by James:

¹ i.e. brother-in-law (Will. Chippendale) and sister Ellen.

² Robert Pickering was instituted Rector of Croston in 1689, and died in 1703.*
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y^t I may consult D^r Tarleton about it : if it be only cold y^t makes it swell & have lumps in : let her anoint it wth oyl of Cammomil, & Keep it very warm : pray give my respects to her and nurse Brown ; I hope to find My poore Sill in good health. Sall gives her Ta to Banke, and daily remembers Jinny for all y^e Serv^{ts} are Jane wth her. My Spouse sent y^{rs} to M^r Marsden : I suppose we shall bring you an answer : I shall be sure to do y^r business wth y^e Doctor. I believe by this You were heartily tired wth my sad Scrowling : so shall only beg y^r Pardon, & give our respects and service wth our Friends love and conclude S^r y^r obliged friend & humble serv^t Bridg^t Richmond.

My Answer,

Ap. 11. Madam, I begg pardon for not having let you Know sooner oth weeke how dear Sil &c did do, and you'l grant it me I hope wⁿ I tell you 'twas bec. I was informed Nurse Brown had writt to You : My Information (I find) was true, she writt but sent not her Letter. You may please now to Know y^r son is very well, at least he so appear'd to me since I had Y^{rs}. From him I went to y^e Nook, where y^e Nurse gives her duty to her M^{rss}, and hopes her breast is Mending. Tis broke in a wide hole, but is not so deep as she fear'd it wo'd have been ; 'Twas caused (she believes) by her stayes, w^{ch} makes her think 'twill be y^e sooner wel. Our Neighbour Betty Martin has had a Miscarriage, and is ill ; John & James Salthouse have had each a Daughter Christen'd since You left us. Last Wednesday Man, Woman, & child march'd to Lanc. to see Biesly & his Companions hanged ; Biesly came hither yesterday, and I was desired to accompany him to his grave, but refused. Since I began y^s R^d King is come in and has presented me from You wth Limmons, Anchovies, & Capers, for w^{ch} I thank You. Of our other affaires James will acquaint You, and gō I shal give You no more trouble at present, but only of my Service, w^{ch} you are desired to divide, as equally as You can, amongst my good Friends wth You, allwayes accepting a share to y^r Self from Mⁿ Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

On Ap. y^e 12 I received y^s.

R^d S^r. Since I gave my promise to preach at S^t Michael's I am informed of something (w^{ch} if I should appear at so public a time) may be of dangerous Consequence to me ; I hope to get relief in a little time, but cannot I fear so soon as y^t Combination requires. Therefore I heartily request of You to preach for me at y^t time, and wⁿ 'tis y^r Turn I will preach for You : or if in any thing I may be capable to Serve You shall freely obey y^r Commands. I request y^r answer by Humphrey y^e Dyer, who will be at our Town, early on Saturday morning y^t if you cannot do it I must send word to M^r Robinson y^t unless he can procure some body other directions may be given to y^e Clergy of not appearing, for I dare not come my self. Y^r speedy answer herein and Concurrence wth my Request, if it may suit wth y^r Convenience will extreemly oblige Y^r most humble serv^t and B^r Jo: Winter.* Cockerham 10th. 1701.

To y^s I return'd

Ap. 13. S^r. This is y^e first opportunity I had of answering y^r^s w^{ch} I received but last night, and do wish there were no occasion for it now. I hope er' y^e 6th of May y^r Troubles will be ended ; or if not, y^t some more fit person yⁿ I am may be thought on to officiate for You at Michaels. I have so full Employ in Church and school, y^t I can scarce have any time for other business ; And also I fear, since I am no benefic'd Man y^t my Preaching may give offence. However I design to be at Michaelles, and (to prevent a Vacancy) shall not be all together unprovided ; Rather yⁿ y^t Pulpit sho'd stand Empty I shall (wth leave of M^r Robinson)¹ ascend it, if in y^e mean time no better Expedient can be found. I am y^r humble serv^t T : B :

W^t followes came to me y^e 15²

Westm^r, Apr. 12th 1701. S^r. I have been wth my Ld. Bishop for two Months at London from whence we intend to set forward for Chester y^e 23^d Instant. If You continue at y^e School til my Lds Visitation w^{ch} he intends in June, it will be proper to take y^r Licence yⁿ. Lady Otway has often spoke to me to enquire for a Purchaser y^t would buy y^e perpetual Advowson of Windermere ; she sayes she has a good Title, & y^t will be easily seen, I believe she is very honest, and would not put a cheat upon any person : She proposes to sell y^e perpetuall Advowson for 200^l, or would sell y^e Next Presentation for one yeares Value (w^{ch} is y^e usuall Rate, even wⁿ there is a younger Incumbent). She sayes it is worth 80^l per annum at least. If You please to enquire into y^e true Value, and will give one yeares Value for y^e next Presentation, it may be purchased in y^r Fathers name, or any other Friend or Relation y^t You can trust, who may present You upon y^e Avoidance (for You cannot present y^r Self) and y^t is both lawfull and just ; Let me Know y^r resolutions about it as soon as You can, for I believe she will sell it speedily, and I am sure I can be y^r Friend in it wth her as much as any person, and direct y^r^s to Chester to S^r y^r^s to serve You Tho: Waite.

To my Father,

19. S^r. The enclos'd came to my hands last Tuesday, w^{ch} I have now sent You to peruse, wth desires y^t You wo'd please to let me Know y^r further Thoughts about this matter. I show'd it M^r Richmond, and he sayes he thinks it worth my while to lay some money on't and if You think so too, I must begg y^r Assistance in procuring it. I co'd wish to Know y^e exact annual value, and wo'd willingly give money to any prying person, y^t co'd secretly learn it out. As for y^e Power of Presenting my Friend y^e Secretary will (I doubt not) Examine it, and my Lady will be obliged to give good Security. Our Folks return'd from Liverpool last wednesday, and M^r^s Richmond brought wth her y^e pound of Tobacco w^{ch} wth her service she desires You to accept of. She brought me also some Ingredients I

¹ Thomas Robinson was Vicar of St. Michaels-on-Wyre from 1669 to 1716.

² *In margin* : see p. 252 [*i.e.* of MS.] : letter to Mr. Waite at Chester (*supra*) dated 28 Mar. 1701.

am to make use of for my bad tooth, from D^r Tarleton, who designs shortly to be here, and will give me Directions for y^e use of y^m. I have sent You an old hat w^{ch} You may wear or give as you think fit. This, wth my duty to y^r Self and my M^r, is all at present from y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B. M^r R^d tells me my Friend Marsden intends to have me over sands wth him y^s Summer. If You meet wth any body y^t knowes y^e value of Claughton Church ¹ pray enquire about it, and let me Know it.

W^t followes came to me May y^e 2^d.

S^r. I have forbore writing to You (since y^e Receipt of y^{rs}) in hopes of saving you y^e designed trouble of preaching for me upon Tuesday next, but I am not yet so happy as to have my Expectations answered in w^t I did propose my Self, and having no person so fit as y^r self of my acquaintance to treat wth all, I heartily request of you to officiate for me at y^e place appointed, and it shall be taken as a singular favour done to S^r Y^r very humble & obliged serv^t Jo: Winter. May p^mo. 1701. S^r if you please you may receive of W^m Harrison, D^r Fainton & M^r Richmond y^e money I did disburse for y^m, & pay for y^r self as in my place, and return me y^e rest at y^e first Convenience.

May y^e 4^o I received y^s

S^r This is to let You understand that my Sisster is dead, and my Mother is very desirous to have You to preach a Sermon at her funerall: But she does not know that any will be at y^e cost of it but her self, and she is willing to give You five shillings if that will content You: So no more but I rest your loveing friend Jennet Tyrer.

To my Father

May. 9. S^r. I have wth some impatience expected an answer to mine of y^e 19^o ult. chiefly bec. M^r Secretary seems to be desirous to Know my Resolutions, w^{ch} I cannot communicate to him till I Know Y^{rs}. I mentioned Claughton in mine, but I am inform'd 'tis not worth my while to seek about it. If it were M^r R^d (were he willing to p^t wth me) co'd I think get it for me. I have very full Employ th^o my scholars are but few, for I preach'd y^e 3^d. 4^d. 5^o. & 6^o of this month successively, y^e 6^o before y^e Clergy at our monthly Lecture. D^r Tarleton has been here, & has put me under a Course of Physic, w^{ch} I will think will do me good. My duty & service to M^r & Y^r Self concludes y^s from Y^r obed^t son & serv^t T.B. The B^d visits at Preston in June.

To M^r Winter. id.

S^r. Last Tuesday I preach'd for You at Michaels, and received 1^s 6^d fee from M^r Harrison, w^{ch} I pd for my Dinner. D^r Fainton was not wth us, and M^r R^d will return you w^t you laid down for him y^e first opportunity. I am S^r y^r humble Serv^t. The B^d. is to be at Preston in June.

¹ A parish in Lonsdale, about 7 miles N.E. of Lancaster.

I received y^s y^t followes y^e 13^o.

Son Thomas, We have sent a trusty friend to enquire w^t is y^e Exact Value of y^t Living You write about, who brings y^s word, y^t y^e whole Rectory is now in lease, for under 40^s per annum, except y^e Gleebe, w^{ch} is valued at 26 or 30^s per an. I wrote to You formerly y^t M^r Tho: Brathwaite of Ambleside & M^r Huddleston Phillipson of y^e Isle in y^e Water were y^e Presenters: Now my Lady Otway being M^r Brathwaites eldest sisters daughter became heire to her Uncles Estate at Ambleside, and also to y^e Advowson of y^e Parsonage. Now if she, or S^r John her husband, or any other have purchased Phillipsons part for her, yⁿ it is clear, y^t she hath y^e whole power in presenting. But if not I think it fit y^t S^r X^{oper} Phillipsons hand sho'd be at y^e purchase ded. In y^e Composition Book at Chester, you may see who y^e Presenter or Presenters are. For in y^t Book are written y^e Presenter, y^e Incumbent, y^e first Fruites, Tenthes, Subsidies, pensions, Synodalls, and Procurations of all y^e Parsonages, Vicarages, and other Places liable to pay these things. I wrote to You concerning y^e contest between M^r Kemp,* & M^r Wood.* M^r Kemp being presented by M^r Brathwaite, & M^r Wood being presented by M^r Phil¹ and while y^e contended, y^e Parsonage relapsed, and so M^r Wilson * came in by y^e Kings Seal upon y^e Relapse. You write y^t I sho'd procure y^e Money, if You go on wth y^t design. I will (God willing) procure part, and You must procure part y^t Self. I wo'd have You to make two dayes of paym^t y^e one at y^e sealing y^e purchase deed, y^e other at y^e yeares End, or y^t abouts. I pray You my hearty Thanks wth my and Y^r Mothers Service to M^{rs} Richmond, for good Remembrance, and Kind Token. I received Y^r Box wth some other Things in it besides. We pd money to a Trusty friend who went secretly on purchase to learn out y^e Truth. This wth my & your Mothers blessing, wth my love and Service to M^r R^d & his Lady, is all at present from y^r Father Jo: Brockbanke. Witherslack May 2^d. 1701. Y^r Friend may Inform You from Chester who is y^e Presenter.

To M^r Tho: Waite at y^e Palace in Chester.

May 16. S^r. I had sooner return'd You my hearty thanks for Y^{rs} from Westm^r but y^t I have been busied in enquiring after Windermere, and co'd get no *good* satisfaction about it, till 2 dayes ago. My Father has imploied a trusty friend to learn y^e annual value of y^t Parsonage, and he has found y^t y^e whole (Except y^e gleeb) is now in lease for less yⁿ 40^s. and y^e Glebe is Valued at about 23^s per an. so y^t I cannot perceive how it sho'd by any Computation be worth more yⁿ 70^s a year. My F^r is willing to assist me wth money, but he doubts whether y^e full power of Presenting be in my Lady, or whether S^r X^r Phillipson may not have some title thereto. If my Lady will give me good Security, and please to receive y^e money at two payments, one half at y^e sealing of y^e deed y^e other at y^e yeares End (w^{ch} is my Fathers desire) and if she'l be moderate in her demands I think I may purchase y^e Perpetuall Advowson, or (if not y^t) y^e next Presentation. If You'l please to acquaint my Lady wth y^s wⁿ Opportunity serves, by so

¹ Phillipson.

doing You will mightely oblige (S^r) Y^r very Thankfull Serv^t T.B. I design to wait on You in June for a licence to y^e School.

A special messenger brought me w^t followes y^e same day y^t it was dated, w^{ch} I also answered.

Chip : ¹ May 30. 17001 [*sic*] R^d S^r. I am, and have been a long time, very much indisposed, so y^t I am not able to officiate in my Cure at present, g^o humbly begg y^r assistance y^e next Lords day, if you can conveniently, w^{ch} will be a Favour so great, as will oblige me to subscribe my Self R^d S^r Y^r humble Serv^t Hum: Briscoe.² Pray give my humble service to M^r Richmond and his good Lady.

My Answer. To M^r Briscoe

May. 30^o. 1701. S^r. We are here sorry to Know y^t y^r Indisposition growes upon You, and do wish there were no occasion for one of us to Supply y^r Place next Sunday : But Since 'tis like to be otherwise You may depend either upon M^r Richmond or S^r Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

I cross'd y^e Sand to Consult my Father again concerning y^e Advowson of Windermere, from him to Kendall, to Know further M^r Waites sentiments of it, yⁿ home, whence I return'd my Father y^s.

June 26. S^r I imagine You wo'd Know how matters have gone wth me since I left You, and g^o make bold to give You y^e following Account. On Tuesday y^e first place I stopped at was y^e Smithy, where instead of paying y^e Smith for his work, I was made to drink wth him. From thence removing I had y^e company of a white horse, as far as Newbridge, w^{ch} is now a mending. Er' I reached y^e other Causway I met a great Company of Vagrants, such as people call Jypsies, after y^m a Woman leading a blind man. I came to Sisergh ³ and gave y^e letter I had charge of to one who said she wo'd take care on't, yⁿ into y^t Lane w^{ch} has been bad ever since I Knew it, and will (I think) continue such to y^e Worlds end. Wth much ado I got thro't and allighted at Cosin Riggs, as folks were Coming from Church. Here I dined, and yⁿ saw my friends, amongst y^e rest M^r Waite. He & I in y^e evening had a great deall of Talk about y^e business You Know of, but co'd conclude nothing, bec. my Lady ⁴ was out of Town. He has been a pumping y^e Flemings about it, who (were in town and) tell him they design to purchase it, but seem not to be in haste. And yesterday M^r Jackson told me y^t Parson W—— * designs y^e same as his Mother informs him. This and some other Circumstancials, makes me fear a Disapointment tho' M^r Waite seems to encourage me, and will (He sayes) wⁿ he returns to Chester examine for Title, and try her last Resolves.

¹ Chipping, a parish, etc., about 12 miles N.E. of Preston.

² Humphrey Briscoe (? or Burscove) was instituted Vicar of Chipping, 12 Aug. 1692. His will, dated 20 Sept. 1701, was proved 13 June, 1702. (*Smith's History of Chipping.*)

³ The seat of the Strickland family, about 4 miles S. of Kendal.

⁴ Lady Otway.

She will return thither, to his house, in some weekes. I can do no more in it yet, for he wo'd not have me to appear openly in it for fear others sho'd be y^e more eager, and she y^e more stiff. Yesterday I saw Cowhird, Bowes, Cos. Isabell &c., heard a Sermon, got dinner, paid for my Commons, & mounted about 3. a clock, and came hither about Ten, where I found all well. This wth duty & Service to you & my Mother: from S^r Y^r Son & Serv^t Thos: Brookebanke.

To my Father.

Aug. 7. 01. S^r. I sho'd have been glad to have heard from You since my last, to Know How You and my Mother do, and gō send this to begg a line from You. I think I acquainted You y^t M^{rs} Richmond was brought to bed,¹ and recover'd pretty well, but since my return she has been very ill, and yesterday a Coach came for her to carry her to Liverpool D^r, thō she was very unfit for travail, and in great pain of a breast into w^{ch} many bad humours are fallen. You have heard (no doubt) y^t y^e Duke & Dutchess Hamilton are come into y^e Country. They came wth y^{tr} attendants thrō our town on tuesday, and are yet at Justice Longworths, a Mile from our house. I Know no more of Windermere yⁿ I did, and if I never do Know more perhaps it will be no great matter. My Duty to Y^r Self, Mother, and all Friends concludes y^s From y^r Son & serv^t T.B.

For M^{rs} R^d. at Liverpool

Aug. 10. 01. Madam, The enclos'd I rec'd on Friday-night, and make bold to send it You, wth my Service; This, and y^t y^r Sons are well, is all y^e business y^t I have to write about: Only be pleased to Know we long to hear of your Recovery, and y^t y^e Woman from Eccleston was here y^s morning wth some Tyntur for y^r breast. This day I baptized M^r Whittingham a Da^r and I am invited to supp wth him but y^e badness of y^e day I think will hinder me. The D. & D^s call'd at M^r Longworths on Friday, and wo'd have come to y^e Vicarage, had their been any body to have receiv'd y^m. I perceive his Grace likes y^e Country so well, y^t we shall have much of his Company. 'Tis said he comes to Kirkland about a fortnight hence. Nothing more comes into my head at present to trouble you wth only a desire y^t my Service may be given to M^r Richmond & other my Good friends wth You. I am—

For M^r Richmond at Liverpool.

Aug. 15. 01. S^r. This may let you Know, y^t at length all y^r hay is got home, thō not into y^e barn, for a part of it is stack'd at y^e Barnes End. If y^e weather come very good, y^e way to y^e Moss may be passable, as yet it is not: But Turff are not of so great concern as y^e Tyth, w^{ch} will now in a short time be ready. I believe y^e Claughtoners wo'd (generally) be for giving You money instead of corn, and y^t wo'd be less trouble both to y^m and You. Y^r Orders about it may be convenient. Y^r Serv^{ts} came hither last Monday about 10 at night, but both tired. M^r Harison * of Pulton,

¹ Of her third child Jonathan, bapt. at Garstang, 2 Aug. 1701. (Fishwick's *Garstang*.)

his lady, M^{rs} Ann Hornby and a Young gentleman was here yesterday, and w^d have been glad to have waited on You. Y^r Sons are well. Pardon haste, and please to let us Know how M^m R^d does, to w^m (pray) give my Service & Thanks for her Token : I am y^r humble serv^t T.B.

The following letter came to my hand y^e 17^o.

Leverpoole, y^e 15 of Aug. S^r. After I have given you my hearty thanks for y^r Kind letter, I shall trouble You wth y^e account how I have been since Jane left us. I found little or no alteration in my breast til yester morning, & yⁿ y^e D^r laid open a place y^t was unsound under, it gave me some pain in y^e doing, and since hath had a smarting pain in it, but I hope will do well ; The D^r Keeps open y^e Wound at y^e bottom of my breast if possible to prevent it gathering again, but I am in daily fear having most dayes those cold fits, I used to be troubled wth before my breast gathered. I have not had y^e trouble of any physic as yet, nor hear any thing of it. I get my strength a little, and to day ventured out of doors to sun my Self a little. I expect y^e next time y^e Doctor dresses my breast y^t he will slit an other place open. I shall long to get my breast well y^t I may come home to my poor brats, & y^e rest of our family, Thô I am in hopes y. will be very diligent in our business y^t is left in charge. I do Suppose James to have a fine life, y^e last Rain putting us out of all hopes to get any of y^e turf home y^t we left on y^e moss. I begg You will see he doth w^t is needful about y^e house, and in y^e Garden, y^t Jane may Keep to her spinning, and tell Jane I charge her, to see y^t Margaret Knitt and if She want Yarn, to spin y^e pound of Wooll in the Nourcery. I farther desire You will tell Jane, if it be not got allready, to get y^e purslind,¹ and strip off y^e leaves, and lay the stalks in a pretty strong brine, till she hear further from me. Pray, bid her take care of y^e bacon and beef, and look y^t no grubbs get into it : But if she perceives it grow wet, to get new Kiln dried straw, and take out all y^e old, and lay it in : Pray remind her to dry my herbs, and still y^e Waters I ordered, and be sure to draw y^e waters cold. Sister Martha² desires, if she meet wth an opportunity, to send her head dress she left behind her, and Salls sute of stript cloths. I perceive Jane left Flannen behind her y^t sho'd a bin my Jonathan westcoats, pray tell her to get Dick Brown to enlarge his old ones, as well as he can, till I come home. I was very glad to hear my poor Lads was well w^{ch} I pray God continue. I begg you will give me letters to inform me how they & you all do. I hope it is needless to beg You will make much of Y^r Self, and command our servants as Your Own. My Dear M^r Richmond gives his Kind love and service to You ; I desire my service may be given to M^{rs} Longworth, Ann Harris, Mary Sharples, Betty Lucas, my two Nourses, and all y^e rest of my good Neighbours and friends y^t enquire after us, not forgetting y^r dear Misteriss : I have a little hundred of services for You from all our friends, but I hope You will excuse naming of y^m. Remem-

¹ i.e. purslane (from portulaca), a herb used in salads. (*Century Dictionary*.)

² Martha (Blackburn), wife of J. Brinston. (Baines' *Hist. of Lancashire*, ed. by Croston, Vol. 5, p. 54.) According to Gregson's *Portfolio of Fragments*, p. 194, her husband's name was Blindstone.

brance to our Serv^{ts} & be pleased to pardon y^s sad long Scrowle wth my humble service to y^r good Self, I conclude Y^r most obliged Friend & serv^t Bridg^t Richmond. Tho I am sadly tired, I must give Sis. Mar. & Salls service to Bank.

To M^{rs} Richmond.

Y^e 19^o. Madam, I now return You Thanks for y^e gloves you sent me by Jane, and also for y^{rs} of y^e 15^o w^{ch} was very Welcome to us all. We are very glad for y^e little strength you have got, & wish it may encrease, and y^r health return so fast y^t you may be wth us much sooner yⁿ either You or we expect. I did not see y^r boyes to day, but heard y^t they are both well, and Nource told me t^oother day y^t M^r J^on had got a new waistcoat of Flannel y^t Jane brought. M^r Beardsworth has just now been burying a child, and Tho: Corles (who attended y^e corps hither) desired me to put M^r R^d in mind not to forget his son. I let y^r Serv^{ts} Know w^t concern'd y^m in y^r Let^r and hope y. will perform y^r Tasks. Jane's busy wth y^e Still & has gather'd y^e Purslan, and bid me tell You she has put $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of Sugar to y^e goose-berry Vinegar. We have had two or three good dayes w^{ch} put us in hopes to get again to y^e Moss. And makes harvest come on a pace, so y^t we long to Know w^t y^e Tyth must be done wth wⁿ 'tis ready. Ralph y^e Fidler is gone to Lancaster. I Know not w^t more to trouble You wth but only a return of Thanks and service to all y^t little hundred, who remembred me, and to all other my good friends, as opportunity serves, especially to M^r R^d little Sall M^{rs} Martha, and all y^t good Family You are in. I am (Madam) Y^r humble obliged Serv^t. Jane Knowes not how to send M^{rs} Martha's head dress.

This I had Aug. y^e 24^o.

Leverpoole Aug^t y^e 22^d 1701. M^r Brookebanke. I omitted to write on Tuesday having a design to be wth You before this, but y^e D^r telling us y^t my Spouse will be in a condition to ride next week, I defer coming til she can bear me Company. As to the Tyth I suppose none will be ready to lead before we come home except wheat, and pray order James to lead it to our Barn; and if y^e Moss may prove sound at y^e same time bid him hire carts for y^e Turf: He must order John Hankason to take care of getting y^e Tyth (if his Father won't) and bespeak y^e two barns y^t we had last year: There may be objections against these Orders w^{ch} I desire to have by y^e next Post. M^r Sudell¹ was in Town yesterday, claim'd a debt of 2 Summs since last Year, and obliged me to a payment next Sunday at Aughton. If the mower or any other want money from me order y^m to y^e Clark for w^t is due. Please to give my Blessing to my 2 Brats, Service to all Neighbours y^t ask after us, and You will oblige Y^r Brother and Serv^t H. Richmond.

¹ Christopher Sudell was Rector of Aughton (near Ormskirk), from Oct. or Nov. 1700 to 6 Jan. 1701, when he was deprived (ejected for simony). He was afterwards Vicar of Leyland and Rector of North Meols, where he died in 1735. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

My Answer. To Mr Richmond at Leverpool.

Aug. 24^o or. Sr. Y^{rs} I had a going to Church in y^e afternoon, and I am called out to see 2 Sick folks, so y^t You must Excuse y^e Shortness of y^s. I have but just time to tell You, we are all very glad to hear of y^r Ladies Recovery, and also y^t You design to see us here soon. James lead yesterday about 6 Threaves of very good wheat to y^e barn, and on Thursday was in y^e upper part of Claughton, to see w^t They said about their Tyth, and most of y^m seem willing to take it as formerly of M^r Ditchfield.* The higher barn cannot be for y^r Use I suppose. We almost begin to despair of getting to y^e Moss for we have many Showers. Y^r Sons are very well, and so are most of our Neighbours. This wth my service to y^r Self, good Lady and all y^r Relations, is w^t my present time will allow me to trouble you wth. I am y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

W^t followes I had y^e 26^o.

Loving Son. I have had two letters from You Since You were here and am heartily sorry for Madam Richmond being out of health. M^r Bird wth his son, M^r Mountsey and John Hall, have been here. D^r Witham, and his new married wife,¹ and her sister, wth some others are come to y^e Hall. Y^r Mother hath been at Casterton, and hath brought Leonard Clark wth her, who is here at present. Y^r Friends and Relations, where Y^r Mother hath been, desire to be remembered unto You. And y^s is all at present, wth my service to M^r Richmond, and his good Lady, and y^r Mother and my blessing to You from y^r loving Father John Brockbanke. Witherslacke, August 21. 1701.

To Mr Waite at Chester

Aug. 30. Sr. I suppose er' y^s my Lady Otway is return'd to Chester, and if she has not allready disposed of her Advowson I begg of You to let me Know her lowest Rate, and w^t Security she can give y^e Purchaser. Pray pardon y^s Trouble and w^t fees may be demanded for Examining her Title or otherwise, shall (with all Thankfullness) be paid by (Sr) Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To Mr Richmond. id.

Sr. We all last week expected you here, w^{ch} hindred me from writing, and I hope y^s will not come to you at Leverpool. If it do You may by it be inform'd y^t y^r Sons continue in a like healthfull condition to w^t You left y^m in. John Hankinson has taken account of about 18 Threave of wheat, w^{ch} is (most on't) got into y^e barn, 14 of Oats, 13 of barley and I by him perceive many are desirous to take y^{1r} Tyth. Yesterday X^r Saul was buried, and yesterday I receiv'd a letter from You from Chester, w^{ch} I was not willing to inclose in y^s hoping You may sooner receive it where it is. My Service to y^r Self, good Lady, and all Friends concludes y^s from Y^r humble Serv^t.

¹ Catherine, dau. of Sir William Tancred of Brampton, etc., co. York, 2nd Baronet. She *d.* 28 Mar. 1750.

The following letter I had Sep. 2^d.

Leverpool y^e 31 Aug. S^r. My M^r was obliged to be at Childwell¹ y^s day, and thought it might be late before he returned, so for fear y^e post sho'd be gone ordered me to write. He had writ himself before now, but y^t we had Thoughts to be at home betimes this week. Brother and Sister² went to Norton y^e day after we came here, so y^t we have had none of y^r Company, and on Tuesday next they design to be at home and have made us promise to stay till y. come, so y^t it will be Weddensday before we go to Orford : We cannot well avoid going there by reason one of my little Brothers is very ill, and hath been ever Since we came So y^t it hath hindred Mother for coming to see us. I hope y^s night will be y^e last y^e D^r will dress my breast it being quite healed up. Our stay being longer yⁿ we designed layes my Master under a Necessity to beg y^r favour of You to see to his Tyth : since y^e higher barn is not to be had James must see out to get another. If James be fully employed in y^e lower part of y^e Town, so y^t he cannot lead y^e higher part wthin y^e 10 dayes allowed by y^e Law : he must procure Carts either for day Wage or y^e Straw, but yⁿ let him take care y^t y^e lead y^e furthest as well as y^e near. If You think profitable and convenient to get any of y^e upper End he desires You will take care of y^e best method for price & time of paym^t : But he would not willingly have any set but w^t can't well be led : He desires You will spur on James to follow close to get in as much as possible he can himself ; y^s is but a Necessary request Knowing y^e Spark is very ready to throw his burden upon others. We design to trouble our friends to get us home, y^t our own horses may not be took off y^r business : If there be no hopes of getting y^e turf of y^e Moss Jane sho'd take care to make y^e stock she begun so large less, y^t it may be topped fit to stand y^e Weather. I hope Jane will take care y^t there be small beer *brued* fit for us wⁿ we come home. We had letters to day from M^r Longworth & Clark, but y. had took a frolick to London before y. came to us, and truly a shilling was but small Expence for so long a Journey. I beg You will pardon y^s sad Scrawl, and all y^e Trouble we desire in it, and be pleased to accept our true respects and Service, and give it to all our good friends and Neighbours. I desire a letter from You by y^e Next Post to inform me how my dear Lads do. Pray my respects to y^e Nourses, and tell y^m I hope to be wth y^m in a little time, w^{ch} wth respects & service of Mother,³ Sister Martha, & other friends hear concludes from S^r Y^r Obliged friend & Serv^t B.R. Sall gives here dear Love to Bank.

To M^r Richmond

7^o. S^r. James has got home all y^e wheat, w^{ch} is 19th 4 & 1^h and also some Oats but y^e last week has been so bad y^t much is not done. M^r

¹ Childwall is a parish near Liverpool, between Walton in the west, and Prescott in the east.

² " Brother and Sister " means Silvester (elder brother of Henry) Richmond and Frances his wife, dau. of Sir Richard Brooke, 2nd Baronet of Norton Priory, near Runcorn, Cheshire.

³ Bridget, dau. of Thomas Bloomfield of Little Leigh, co. Chester.

⁴ Threaves or thrave = 24 sheaves of grain. (*Century Dictionary*.)

Brockholes¹ is very desirous to give money for his Tyth: He offers 4^s an Acre Oats and barley, you to appoint a measurer, and he to pay him: He begs to Know y^r mind as soon as possible. Others will give very little for y^r Tyth, for Oats are very light. Only Turner (Crouchley's Son in law) offers 40^s p annum for great & small tyths; if he may have y^m for a Term, to begin this Year. Father Blackburn was here overnight on Wednesday, & dined wth us to day, and has just taken horse for Poulton. Both y^r Sons were to see him here, and are very well. The letter I had for You I have sent by M^r Samuel, fearing it might have come short of You had I inclosed it in y^s. No more comes into my mind to acquaint you wth but y^t I am S^r Y^r humble Serv^t T.B. Pray give my Service to y^r good Lady, little Sall, and all Friends.

The 2 below I had y^e 12.

Orford 7^{ber} y^e 11th. 1701. M^r Broockbanke. Very important Business Kept me at Liverpool til Tuesday, when I found y^r Letter, and y^e enclosed [it was a Letter from M^r Prescott to Know y^e Name of Cap. Hamilton's Miss] at y^s place: As to y^rs I find it imprudent to set any Tyth at such Rates, and acquaint James y^t according as he behaves himself in y^e Managem^t of y^s affair, I shall either Keep him, or let him go wⁿ we come Home: As to y^e business of y^e Inclosed from Chester, I desire You'll inform y^e Churchwardens of it, and send y^{1r} answer to me as soon as possible. I sho'd be glad to hear y^t y^e Plaisterer & Glazier were near an End, lest y^e Parishioners complain of cold being Michaelm[as] is not far off. We intend to be at Home next week, yet send our Blessings to poor Lads & affectionate Service to all Neighbours, & Respects to y^r self and Family. Y^r Bro^r and Serv^t Hen. Richmond.

Dear Sir. I beg y^e favour of You to acquaint Jane, y^t I wo'd have her to buy a flock of chickens, or half a dozen pullets, and put y^m up to feed, for there will be some company at our house soon after our coming home: I hope y^e Ale & Beer y^t is in y^e house will be sufficient. I wo'd not have her to let any of y^e Beer be drunk by any means. Father told me y^t poor Sils gown was too narrow over y^e breast. Tell y^e Nurse I desire she will get her husband to cut it open in y^e breast, and put in a piece. I begg You will not let her delay it, for it will quite spoil y^e poor lad. Remember me to both Nurses, and all our good Friends and Neighbours, and except my respects and service to y^r good Self is all begging you will give one letter more. I conclude Y^r most obliged friend and serv^t Bridg^t Richmond. I am glad to hear y^t Margaret assists James in y^e leading of y^e Tyth, I hope y. will be as diligent as if we were at home.

To y^e latter y^s was my Answer.

7.14. 1701. Madam, Since You desire one letter more, I make bold to send You this, to inform You of Such Newes, and Alterations, as we have here. Expect no great matters however, for if I had any such, I sho'd not begin wth Isabel White's being wth child: They say she's married, and some have no more wit yⁿ to father (not y^e child, but) y^e Wedding on

¹ John Brockholes of Cloughton, 1645-1718.

me, wⁿ all y^e World Knowes I will scarce wed honest Folks. A poor fellow about 10 dayes ago, had no better Grace, yⁿ to disturb my rest, y^t by all meanes I might wedd him wth out a Licence. Wⁿ I came down, I found my Gentleman asleep, and he might well be drowsy, for he and his Dimekin [?] had rid from Chartley y^t morning. But I sent him away y^e same wise Man he came. On Thursday was a sennight I had an Invitation to dinner at Kirkland : w^t y^e matter now (I thought) w^t business have they for me at y^e Hall ? However I made no bones of going, expecting flesh, wⁿ I came there, and indeed I found enough : The Rich Uncle from Carleton was come, and I Know not how many more, and You may be sure there was great ado, wⁿ Pilgarlic Say-Grace was sent for. Cap. Guts was there, and danced stoutly for a Hogs-head : That load of Garbage has pulled down the old End of his house, and is building it up again, and has raised for covering 2 bayes of brick adjoyning to y^e barns End. John Wilkinson has got his Palace in good forwardness, But y^e Clark and Will : Salthouse have done nothing yet. They were mistaken y^t told You Marg^t assisted James wth y^e Tyth ; Alas she cannot please her bro : half so well as Jane, who goes wth him daily. Some can please better yⁿ some. I have told You nothing yet of y^r Sons, and y^s I left to y^e last, to make y^s nonsense go down y^e better. And now I tell You, y^t y. are well, and y^t Sill has more room about his breast yⁿ he had. I have a deal of Services for You, but I have partly forgot from w^m. I can however remember to send You, M^r R^d. y^r good family at Orford, and y^t at Warrington mine, w^{ch} You are desired to distribute as equally as You can, by (Madam) y^r humble Serv^t T.B. Nanny Dixon has been ill but is somew^t better, thō I wo^d not give much for her life in a lease. Jinny has bought 10 chickens.

To M^r Richmond at Orford. id.

S^r. John Hankinson has given me an account of more yⁿ 280 th. of oats, and 55 Th. of Barley whereof James has hous'd almost 100 Th. besides y^e wheat. He has got a very good barn in y^e upper part of y^e Town, for w^{ch} he has promis'd as much as You gave for y^t You had last year, but y^e Woman y^t Owes it wo^d have 4^s more. The Work folks in y^e Church are in good forwardness : The Windowes are perfected Except those above y^e lead, and y^t in y^e West End of y^e North Isle. The Plaisterer has covered all, but y^e Lower p^t of some Pillars, y^e W. end of y^e North Isle, and y^e Steeple. He wo^d have had You at home, to have promoted y^e plaistering of y^e Top of y^e S. Isle, w^{ch} indeed wo^d have look'd well. I showed M^r Prescotts Letter to two of y^e old Churchwardens, but they as yet cannot learn M^r Hamilton's woman's sur-name. But as soon as y. Know it, You may be inform'd of it by (S^r) Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To my Mother.

Nov. 5^o. 01. Dear Mother. Yesterday Will : Dixon call'd on me at y^e School and told me my Father and You were well, w^{ch} was very acceptable newes. and also y^t You were somew^t displeased y^t I no offer writt to You. I confess I am to blame for neglect and begg y^r Pardon ; w^{ch} no doubt You wo^d give, did you Know how I am continually hurried wth Business. John Cartmel also y^e last week told me he had seen you, at y^e burying of

his mother, and he invited me to his house, where I intend to see him, if my occasions ever carry me y^t way. Duke Hamilton wth his Attendants was at our church last Sunday, and after Service vouchsafed to honor our House wth his Presence. Yesterday M^r R^d and his Wife went to Preston, one to wait on y^e Earl of Darby, y^e other to take some Physic. Newes I have none to tell You, but y^t it lookes very like for a Warr wth France, Since y^e King thereof has proclaimed y^e Prince of Wales King of England. Pray give my duty to my Father, and accept y^e same from Dear M^r Y^r dutifull Son & ser^t T.B.

W^t followes I had y^e 28 Nov.

M^{rs} Cowper is desired to send y^s by a speedy Messenger. Pray seal y^e Enclosed & send it & if You will copy one for M^r Butler & seal it You'l oblige y^{rs} H.R.

Warrington y^e 27 No. Dear S^r. I thank God I am safely arrived here, but so sadly tired I doubt You'l scarce Know w^t I drive at: I Suppose by y^s You have heard y^e day of Election for y^s County is on Tuesday next. We met both Col. Stanley¹ and M^r Atherton² on y^e road. The Col. did not Know my Spouse he was so puddled from y^e rain. But M^r Atherton made a pretty long stop wth us, and begged my Spouse wo'd stand his Friend in y^e matter. He acquainted him y^t y^e day of Election was a great Surprize to him, but 'tis thought 'tis wth design y^t M^r Atherton shall not have time to acquaint his Friends wth his design. My Spouse desires You to Engage as Many as possible to give a Vote for M^r Atherton, w^{ch} will be a very great Obligation upon my Spouse, and doth not doubt but they will have such a Character of M^r Atherton, y^t it will oblige y^m to give him a vote. Pray tell Jane to get y^e house as Clean as possible, for I believe a great number of our Friends Will be at our house on Sunday and Monday. We shall haste home. Let Tho: go to M^{rs} Revelds betimes on Saturday, and she will have a piece of Beef Ready, let Jane salt it forth wth Y^{rs} B.R.

A Copy of y^e Enclosed.—To Major Longworth.

S^r. On Munday last severall worthy Gentlemen prevail'd wth M^r Atherton of Bewsey to stand for y^e County; this day I met him 2 miles on y^s side Wiggan, very much Surprized y^t Tuesday next is to be y^e day of Election. I had y^e honor to be y^s Gentlemans fellow-Pupil, and having allowed me a desired intimacy, can safely give him y^s true thō short Character. He is of an extraordinary sweet temper, and masters his passions by Reason & Judgment. He is Religious w^{thout} phantastic hypocrisy, and a sincere lover of y^e Establish'd Church. His Generosity and fortunes raise him above self Interest, and I'm sure in y^s present design he has no other prospect yⁿ y^e Common Good. I thought my self

¹ Apparently James Stanley, 3rd son of the 8th Earl of Derby; he succeeded as 10th Earl in 1702 and *d.* 1736. (Baines' *History of Lancashire.*)

² John Atherton of Atherton and Bewsey died in 1707, aged 29. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

obliged for y^r own satisfaction, to give You y^s short account of y^e Gentleman, y^t generously offers himself to y^e Service of his Country. This is left to y^r Consideration wth out any Request, Bec. I am affraid it wo^d be too presuming from Y^r humble Serv^t Henry Richmond. I say nothing of y^e other Candidates because You Know y^m.

All y^s bustle about Parliament men was soon over for M^r Adderton¹ y^e day of Election desisted, so y^t y^e Old ones had it wth out opposition. On Sunday y^e 30. Nov. M^r & M^{rs} R^d return'd hither, and on Monday morning she was taken violently ill of y^e stone, gravel, or some such thing, and continues so yet at my receiving of w^t followes viz^t y^e 8 Dec.

Dear Son. I have received y^{rs} and am glad y^t You are in health, praised be God for it. But I am much troubled at y^e late newes, w^{ch} I have received from a certain friend, That You sho^d have affections for a certain Woman, y^t lately lived in or about Boulton in y^e Sands, That boasts she is worth 40^l per annum, but it is nothing so wth her. For my Friend saith, y^t she had possessed an Estate for y^e space of about 2 yeares of about 22^l per annum, But now she is cast out of it by y^e right heir, and y^t by course of Law. And besides y^t Estate she is not worth a groat. And for grief hereof she is departed out of y^e Country to Garstang or thereabouts as I hear. She is a cunning alluring Woman, and can make great boast of small roast. And gō I pray You beware of her, and let me Know in y^r next concerning her, for I am full of grief about her. And y^s (wth y^r Fathers and my Blessing) is all at present from y^r dear and loving Mother while I am Mary Brockbanke. Witherslack. Nov. 24. 1701.

My answer was y^s.

Dec. 9. Dear Mother. Y^{rs} made such bad haste hither, y^t I might have wooed and wedded too betwixt y^r writing and my receiving of it: I had it but last night, and now return You y^s to let you Know you need not trouble y^r self about y^e Boltoner. Such a one there is indeed at y^s place, who in a great part answers y^e Character You give, in whose company I have sometimes been, and if I have an affection for her I hope I can justify it to all y^e World. I confess I love her, But sure y^s is no fault, since we are commanded to love one another. W^t care I for Estate? She's a Christian, a Parsons Daughter, a person of modest Carriage, a widow wth one child: All w^{ch} are inducements to affection. But I must not leave her thus, and gō to Undeceive You: This woman is so much a stranger to me y^t I never spake to her (y^t I remember) except once at cards, and yⁿ but so as Gamesters do. Fear not y^t I sho^d marry her: my affections are partly fixt upon an other, and not to be removed, except y. displease either her or my Friends. If you desire to Know more of y^s You may perhaps learn it from my own mouth yet er' X^{mas} be over: Tho I Know not y^t I can come to see you, for M^{rs} R^d is very ill, and Except she be better I cannot be spared. My duty & service to Father & all friends, particularly y^r Self concludes y^s from y^r Son & Serv^t T.B.

¹ Atherton.

And now Mr Richmond finds Garstang not sufficient to maintain two, and go all on y^e Sudden, tells me we must part, but wth intimation y^t he will serve me in seeking out a place. He posts away to Wiggan to enquire after Chipping, and sends me this from Orford.

Mr Brookbank, I was some time wth Mr Taylor who assures me y^t Mr A (Atherton)¹ accepts of Chippin, and Mr Johnson leaves Douglas Chappel² to succeed him at Wiggan, y^t Place being usually thought a step to better preferment. Mr T. goes tomorrow for Chester, and he will make y^s matter Known to y^e Bisp. who He verily believes will be inclined to put You into a good place as soon as it is in his power; and if my assistance will do any service You need not doubt it from Y^r Brother & Serv^t H.R. He does not hear y^t Clitheroe is disposed off & believes it to be no inconsiderable Post: If You write to B^p to Morrow, it will be wth him on Wensday.

This I had on Tuesday y^e 30 and next morning took horse for Clithero, whence I writ y^s [to] Mr R^d at Garstang.

Clithero Dec. 31. 01. S^r. I thank you for y^{rs} w^{ch} I received last night. On intimation of w^{ch} I set forwards y^s morning for y^s place where I find y^e income of y^e Church but about 20^l p annum, y^e Presenter Mr White. They talk as if there wo'd be some addition to it, but I Know not how or w^t. S^r I am in haste just taking horse for Gisborn, and have scarce time to give Service to y^r Self, M^{rs} Richmond M^{rs} Martha Y^r little ones &c I am y^r humble Serv^t T.B. If you have any business to impart to me, you may please to direct y^r letter to me at my Fathers house in W. to be left wth Mr Bowes in Kendale.

From Clithero I rid to Bolton, thence to Kirby, where I writ again to Mr R^d.

Kirby Lonsdale Jan 2^d. 02. S^r. I writ to you from Clithero, and if my Letter has reach'd you, you'l perceive hereby y^t That Church is poor: yet if You think it convenient I sho'd be willing Mr White * Knew, y^t a small addition to y^t Salary wo'd tempt me to serve y^e Cure. I Know not how to get a letter to Whalley, otherwise I sho'd have sent one. But if You think it worth while, if You'l please to write to Mr White, and hire a bearer, I shall be willing to pay him. I shall do nought w^{thout} y^r advice, for I trust you as a Friend, who have no design to impose upon S^r y^r humble Serv^t T.B. My service to all Friends.

I returned to Kirkland y^e 8^o and on y^e 12^o I received y^s from a Speciall Messenger.

S^r. Being we have no Minister yet at Chippin, I must begg y^r assistance y^e next Sabbath-day, if it may stand wth y^r Conveniency: I have

¹ Thomas Atherton instituted Vicar of Chipping, 23 Dec. 1701, in succession to Humphrey Briscoe, whose widow he married in 1706. He was instituted Vicar of Aughton in 1721, and died in 1734. (Smith's *History of Chipping*.)

² Douglas Chapel is in the township of Parbold, in the parish of Eccleston. Mr. Johnson is not mentioned in the list of incumbents in the *V.C.H. Lancs*.

had y^e Assistance of most of our neighbouring Ministers, ever since y^e death of my Husband. I was under an Obligation to get y^e place supplied until my Lord Bp. send us one. In doing me this fav^r you will extreamly oblige Y^r humble Serv^t Ann Briscoe. Chippin: Janry y^e 12/1701.

I sent y^s Gentlewoman Word I wo'd observe her day. On Friday y^e 16 being at Garstang I writ this to my Father.

Garstang Jan. y^e 16. or. S^r. This is only to let You Know I am safe come over y^e Sands, and y^t I am very well, being in so much haste, y^t I can scarce give my duty, to y^r Self Mother &c. I am y^r Son & Serv^t T.B. We are all Well.

I sent y^s to Rob^t Blackburn of Sandham.

Feb. y^e 3^d. Rob^t. *I have some thoughts to buy a horse* desire You to send me y^e lowest rate of y^r horse by y^s Bearer, & (if you dare trust him wth me for a Journey to Morrow) send y^e horse too, and at my Return, (w^{ch} I hope will be in a few dayes) I shall either give you y^r Price, or pay you for my Journey. This is from y^r Friend & Serv^t T.B.

On y^s horse y^e next day I set forward for Walton, in order to be admitted to y^e Curacy of Sefton,¹ but met wth an unlucky accident w^{ch} caused me to write thus. To M^r Richmond

Preston, Feb. 4. 02. S^r. Whether my Journey to Walton may be prosperous no man Knowes, but y^s dayes work has been somew^t unlucky. You Know w^t a rainy morning we had, and how Soon I lost my company, but w^t Quixotian Adventures I have met wth since, y^s may inform You. I left white bull about 10 a clock and in company of a scotch mist I arrived at Kaddale ² moor, where I had like to have staid in y^e mire. But my horse being strong, made a shift to pull his leggs after him, & brought me to y^e Marsh. Ribbel I saw, full to y^e brinks and rousing mighty waves, so y^t I had nothing to do, but made y^e best of my way to y^e boat. I assayed to do y^s but was stopt by a ditch of flood Water: I was for stepping thro' 't, and presently plunged into a hole out of w^{ch} my horse could not get. After some struggling in vain, I left him and threw my self into y^e Water, and in a little time recovered my feet, and yⁿ saw my beast once and again diving to catch fish sure for w^t other he had under water I cannot tell. At length he got his feet, and out he came, but left y^e Saddle behind him for w^{ch} I waded. Then wo'd I have caught him, but he was too much affrighted to let me: He ran back to y^r water mill, where (wth y^e assistance of y^e Miller, & an other Man) He was taken: but yⁿ I had y^e saddle to go back for, and wⁿ I came at it, y^e flood was so high in y^e lane y^t leads thither, y^t I co'd not pass, but was forced to y^e Mill once again. In y^s Pickle my horse and I got to town, and I hope neither of us much worse, save y^t somethings in my Pockets were wet, and y^t y^e maids here

¹ A parish, etc., about 7 miles N.W. from Liverpool. The Rector in 1702 was Richard Richmond, appointed 30 Aug. 1684. He was eldest brother of Henry Richmond, Vicar of Garstang.

² i.e. Cadley (a hamlet a short distance N.W. of Preston).

must be pd. for washing stockings &c. I hope a nights rest will set all at rights, and to morrow morning I and Rosinante are for new Adventures. I am M^m R^s her little ones, & S^r Y^r humble serv^t T.B. Pardon K^t Errantry.

At y^e same time I sent this To my Father

S^r. I am now on my Journey to Walton to Parson Richmond, who has sent for me to serve y^e Cure of Sefton: He will allow me 35^l p annum, besides weddings, Churchings, buryings & Funerall Sermons. I intend to return back to Garstang next week, but I Know not whether I can have time to cross y^e Sands. If In y^e mean time You wo^d any thing wth me you may send to Garstang. I am still in haste, as if I had y^e Kingdom to regulate but yet I am Y^r Son & humble Serv^t T.B.

To M^r R^d. Liverpool Feb. 6^o.

S^r. Yesterdays Journey was somew^t better yⁿ y^e other, but I sta^d half an hour at Ribble boat, and co^d not get over by any means at Tarleton;¹ However I came last night to Walton in good time, and now send you y^s to let You Know y^r Friends are all Well, Except little Coz Sall, who has had some fits. S^r I am streightend for time, & gō begg to be Excused for not giving You a more particular account of my Proceedings, w^{ch} have been successfull enough. This wth my Service to y^r Self, y^r Lady &c concludes from Y^r Serv^t T.B. I hope to be wth You Early next week.

W^t Followes I writ at Black bull near Preston & sent it by M^r Geo. Sympson To my Father.

Feb. 9^o. S^r. I am now on my Journey to Garstang, & having y^s Opportunity, will not let it slip to inform You y^t I got safely to Walton on Thursday where I staid 2 nights, and on Saturday wth y^e Parson I came to Sefton, where I officiated yesterday, and was received & welcomed thither very civilly by the Parishioners. I am to have a Room in y^e Parsonage, w^{ch} is to be furnished by me. M^r Geo. Sympson was so Kind as to come out of his way to see me, and to stay of [*sic*] me till y^s morning. How I further proceed I shall let You Know as soon as possible, and now desire to be Excus^d for not waiting on You, in y^t I shall be cumbred about y^e Removeall of my Goods, & taking leave & wth my Neighbours. This wth duty to y^r Self M^r. &c. concludes From S^r y^r Son & Serv^t T.B.

I writ this to my Father from

Kirkland Feb. 12. 170¹/₂. S^r. I have just now sent away my goods for Sefton, and a little packet for you to be left at Will. Sharps in Lancaster and to morrow I design to leave y^s place. In my way to Sefton I shall stop at Preston to see w^t a young Girls Relations will be willing to give me wth her to Portion. w^t y^e Result proves you shall Know. Yesterday I gave 6^l 5^s for a horse And I hope I shall have no occasion to repent me of y^t Bargain. I had a letter yesterday also from M^r Waite about y^e

¹ Tarleton is a parish on the river Douglas, etc., about 8 miles S.W. of Preston.

Old business of Windermere, but I like on't worse and worse. I am Y^r Son & Serv^t T.B. Duty to M^r.

The Letter mention'd in y^s was w^t follows.

Chester Feb. 9th 1701. M^r Brockbank. I have not been forgetfull of y^r business wth my Lady Otway, & y^e other day I made an Opportunity to discourse her fully about it : she is desirous to sell y^e perpetuall Advowson, and tho she has had many Bargainers, yet she hath not concluded wth any by reason of y^e pretence of an other Title. I brought her to y^s, y^t seeing her Title may be disputable, she sho'd sell it for less money, and I perceive she will sell her Title in y^e perpetuall Advowson for 100 Guineas, or (as I believe) y^e Next presentation for 50 guineas, whereas, if it were clear her rates wo'd be double ; And truly, by w^t she has told me, and she will produce her writings to confirm it, I think You will have a good bargain to purchase y^e next presentation at y^t Rate & Venture y^e other Pretenders title, for I believe it will prove a bare Pretence. If You are inclinable to y^s, You should not delay for Otherwise I doubt, she will dispose of it shortly. I shall be ready to do You w^t Service I can therin, who am S^r Y^r humble Serv^t Tho: Waite.

This for M^r brokebanke ffe the 13 day

M^r Brokebanke I was wth M^r Whitehead last night, and hee told me, that mee brother tornley¹ is gone from preston. no more [at] present. Tho. Whittingham.

At Sefton I received y^s y^e same day y^t it was written.

Liverpoole 18th Feb^r: 170 $\frac{1}{2}$. S^r. I have sent You tenn pounds. please to let me have a receipt for it y^t I may give it my B^{ro}. I am Y^r friend & Ser^t S. Richmond.

To M^r H. Richmond at Garstang.

Sefton Feb. 19. 170 $\frac{1}{2}$. S^r. Last Monday I view'd a deal of musty books, & yⁿ rid to Walton, where I dined wth M^r Molineux, M^r Norreys, D^r Tarleton & his D^r M^r More, & y^r B^{rs} Family, who are all well : Thence I rid to Lev : & deliver'd y^r Letters, & found y^r Friends there very well. Bro: Houghton was to y^e change so I saw him not but heard y^t he had got quit of his gout. B^r Sil. sent me 10^l Yesterday by his Man, & I return'd him a Receipt, w^{ch} I presume he'l send You, & some other Things, by y^s Carrier Gorney : by w^m I have sent y^r Sack, for w^{ch} I thank You. I begg of You to distribute my Service amongst my good Friends at Kirkland, and to accept a share there of from Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Waite at Chester

Sefton Feb. ult. 170 $\frac{1}{2}$. S^r. Y^{rs} directed to me at Garstang, I have now receiv'd and return You all possible Thanks for it : But indeed I had even laid aside all thoughts of Windermere before imagining y^e Ad . . .

¹ Richard Turnley of Sparth.

[illegible] was disposed of, and now wⁿ You tell me it is not, y^e Pretences to it make me somew^t unwilling to purchase. If You had inspected my Ladies writings, I sho'd have been more encouraged to have laid out some money : Or if y^e Incumbent sho'd be remov'd and my Lady make her title appear by an Actuall presentation, I might possibly give her rate for y^e perpetuall Advowson : but at present I have no money to hazzard, thô for a Sure Title I co'd procure some. I am removed from Garstang to serve at y^s Place, whereof y^e enclosed is to inform my Ld. B^p. I begg of You to convey it to his Lordship, and to pardon so much trouble, as is put upon You by S^r Y^r obliged humble Serv^t.

To y^e B^p. id.

My Lord Upon y^e death of y^e late Curate of y^s Place, y^e Parson sent for me from Garstang to officiate here. I was glad of y^e Opportunity, for M^r R^d of Garstang sometime before y^t told me his Income there was not enough for Vicar & Curate, and g^o was minded to serve y^e Cure alone. This was y^e Reason why I came hither, where (wth Y^r Lords^{ps} leave) I shall to y^e best of my power, perform such duties as may be required of me. I crave y^r L^{ps} pardon for y^s Trouble and begg y^e continuance of y^r Favour to My Lord y^r L^{dps} much obliged humble serv^t T.B.

To M^r Wittingham. id.

M^r Whittingham. If you continue in y^e mind I left You, I w^od desire you to discourse Brother Turnley at y^e first opportunity : You may safely tell him y^t I am likely to have an estate thô I have but little yet, for I am my Fathers only child, and w^t he has (w^{ch} is Considerable) in all Probability, if I survive him, will devolve upon me. You may speak as favourably as you can of my Personall Endowm^{ts} and if you work him to desire a meeting, I shall be ready to wait on him wⁿ lent is over. You may please to give y^e enclosed to y^r D^r. and accept to y^r Self, y^r good wife &c Kind love and service from Y^{rs}—— T.B. If you think it convenient to send me a line direct it to me at Sephton near Liverpool, and pay 2^d and it will come.

To Eliz. Whittingham. id.

M^{rs} Betty. 'Tis Lent you Know and I dare not write any thing like a love letter, neither wo'd You (I perswade my self) vouchsafe it a reading sho'd I send one. No, no, not a word of Love must be heard, but if I tell You I cannot but think on You now and yⁿ and wish I co'd see You, You'l please to forgive me if you think it amiss. I dare say no More for fear I sho'd say too much : I will only add, y^t I am Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To my Father.

Sephton March 21. 01. S^r. This is y^e first Letter I send you hence, and do desire You to take so much trouble upon You, as to set pen to paper to let me Know how you do : If You direct Y^{rs} to me at Sep. to be left in y^e post Office in Liverp. and send 2^d wth it, I shall possibly receive it. I think I told you in my last y^t I was to meet somebody at Preston

about a Concern, but I did not meet y^m there, so I can tell you no more about y^t business as yet. To tell you y^e K^s. dead wo'd but renew y^r sorrow for him, for no doubt y^t Newes has long since reach'd You. I hope I shall do well in y^s place. I have a very fine Church, but no great Congregation, for one half of y^e Parish are Papists: My Auditors are very decent in y^{l^r} behav^r and constant as well in y^e afternoons as y^e Fore. The People in generall are very good-natured, and obliging, live in peace among y^m selves, & $\overline{g\overline{o}}$ I hope to live peaceably amongst y^m. I flatter my self y. will have a good esteem for me, & be ready to be helpfull to me w^a I shall stand in need of y^{l^r} Assistance. Wth Service & duty to y^r Self and Mother I conclude Y^r Son & Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Richmond at Garstang. id.

S^r. I sho'd take it as a great favour to receive now and then a line from You, to let me Know of y^e Welfare of y^r self and family, and how Affaires go wth You. And shall be glad if it may be to your convenience to change cures wth You for some time. If you have any thoughts of this You'l be Kind as to let me have timely notice, w^a and how long. The bookes I told You of in my last I have bought; as also a Bed, Table, chaires &c. I tell You y^s that You may perceive my Pocket is like to be drain'd, and y^t I sho'd be glad of some more Supplies: yet let not y^s put You to any Inconvenience, for I find they are good natur'd here and will trust me a while. I have day [*sic*] till Mid Summer for part of y^e Bookes for 8^l or [?] 12^l. I say nothing of y^e Kings death, but observe y^e Papists about us seem more concern'd than Protestants. This place begins now to be pleasant but hitherto it has been very dirty. S^r I begg of you to give my Kind Love and Service to all good Friends, especially to Madam R^d &c. and permit me to subscribe my Self (S^r) y^r affectionate friend and humble serv^t T.B.

The Following letter came to me y^e last of March.

Garstang March 30. 1702. M^r Brookbank. Jo goes to Lerpool at sudden notice upon a Disapointm^t y^t has happen'd in a small Business. However I stop him to Thank You for Y^r Letter, and acquaint You y^t we intend to come over y^e Week after Easter (if Providence permit) but You shall have certain Notice before we take our journey. Here ha' been a great many persons sick [since] you left us, till wthin this week I was most dayes on horseback to visit, & Dick Bond as often busy in y^e Church yard, severall times he made two Graves in a day. I thank God for my very good health & strength, for yesterday I preached both ends oth day & gave y^e communion to 69. M^r Corles will assist me next Sunday. E. W. is still abroad, in great hast Y^r affectionate H.R.

The Next to me in y^e church Ap. 12^o.

Garstang Apr. 7th 1702. M^r Brookebanke, I'me just got back from Cockerham, where D^r Fenton gave us a very good Sermon. & now y^s comes to intimate y^t we have fixt our thoughts upon next week for our great Journey; My Wife particularly requests of You to come hither

upon Monday, & she has a very selfish design in it, w^{ch} is to beg y^e fav^r of y^r Pacing horse, to carry her tender Carkass. Y^e Time of our meeting being so very near, I shall only add y^t (not wth standing some busy bodies former Endeavours to make molehills into Mountains) You shall ever find me to be Y^r Affectionate Brother & Friend Henry Richmond. We shall make it 2 days Journey so y^t I hope it will not be too hard a task for y^r horse ; and I shall allways own it a great favour Y^{rs} B.R.

I return'd to Kirkland y^e 14 Ap. and M^r R^d &c. to Leverp. y^e 16. wth w^m I sent this—To M^{rs} Marg^t Wilson.

Kirkland Ap. 16. 02. Landlady. This may inform You y^t I am got well hither, and hope to get rid of my Cough in a short time : You may also be inform'd y^t M^r H. R^d and his Lady will dine wth You on Sunday, & y^t g^o you sho'd provide somew^t for y^m. They will be easy to please, and will expect no great ado : One dish of any good meat will be enough. w^t You expend on y^m put to my account, and You shall be satisfied by Y^r Friend & Serv^t T.B.

The 18. Tho. (M^r R^{ds} man) return'd wth my horse, and brought me y^s.

Walton y^e 18 Ap. Dear S^r. I thought my self obliged to give a line to inform you of our Journey hear, w^{ch} was very easy & pleasant. Our poor brats held out stoutly, and is very hearty, my spouse called y^s day at Sephton, but heard of nothing y^t happened since You went. I begg you will freely command James to get you any thing you have y^e most need of. I desire Betty Machin will take some turf mull — There is not any other thing but w^t I hope Jane will take care of as well as if I was at home. Our love and Service to all Nabours & Friends, concludes from Y^r Obliged friend & Serv^t B.R.

To M^{rs} B^t R^d at Walton.

K^d Ap. 20. 02. Madam. On Saturday I received y^{rs}. and was glad to hear You came well to Walton : yesterday I dined wth M^r Butler & his Lady (who thinks she is somew^t better) and after Service buried Anthony Walker. This day I have been to see M^{rs} Alice Robinson who longs to be well, y^t she may wait on you ; as yet she is but indifferent, yet much better yⁿ y^e Man, who is gone very ill to bed. M^r Robison gives his Service to you, and M^r R^d & designs his D^r to come to Rufford y^s day Sennight. To Morrow betimes I am for my Northern Journey, and till I return M^r Rob. will Officiate if there be any Occasion. After you left us we found 2 Rings in a box w^{ch} Jinny has secured ; I acquaint you wth y^s lest you might think y. were lost. Y^r son continues well, as do all our Neighbours. This is all y^t I can think on at present to trouble You wth Except my Service to y^r Self, y^r M^r R^d, y^e Parson his Lady M^m Rigby &c, and good friends at Liverpool, who am M^m Y^r humble Serv^t T.B. James is just come home, and tells us You are all well, for w^{ch} we are glad. Widow

Parkinson is to be buried to Morrow, and I hear y^t M^r Aspinwall * of Shire-side¹ is dead.

To M^{rs} Bri^t R^d at Walton.

K^d. Ap. 26. Madam, I return'd from my Northern Journey on Friday and yesterday buried a D^r of Jo: Charnock of Catterall,² & y^s day I bur^d H. Jarvis of Barnaker.³ As a piece of newes I may tell you y^t Thompson y^e Apoth. was this Forenoon at Church, and was present at y^e baptising of his D^r, but in his own house. Mad^m Butler is better, and so are others y^t were sick. Mary Parkinson is much out of order, and John Walker has been ill but is on y^e Recovery. I was wth y^r Son Yesterday who yⁿ was very well, & hearty. This wth humble service to y^r self and all good Friends concludes from Mad^m Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To y^e Revd M^r H. Richmond. id.

S^r. Convenience of Carriage prevail'd wth me to give you y^e trouble of y^s to desire You to give me timely notice, if you expect me to officiate here any longer yⁿ next Sunday. If I hear nothing from You, I shall conclude you have otherwise provided supplies till y^r Return, and shall be for leaving y^s place to serve at Sephton y^e next week. I am S^r Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

These I sent wth M^{rs} Alice Robinson to Walton. W^t follows I received y^e 28^o.

Sephton y^e 26 Ap. in y^r Chamber. S^r. I meet wth conveniency to return You thanks for y^r Kind letter. I came y^s morning wth my spouse : we had a pretty full church, and dined wth y^r Sober landlady, had a good piece of beef & hot chicken Py, wth Tart and Custard in great Order. M^r Morton staid wth us and M^{rs} Fleetwood. since dinner we paid a visit to y^e sick person, she is very weak but I think she may continue yet some time. There is a child to be X^d y^s afternoon. I hear of nothing y^t has happened since you left y^s place : we have been travailing up and down y^s old house, and now my spouse is fully imploy'd to peep into y^r store of bookes. Y^r Landlady desires me to acquaint you, y^t y^e bruising pan you was about to buy, is to be sold, wth out you send word you will have it, he can have 25^s for it, under w^{ch} price it must not go. I desire You to see y^t Tho. sticks y^e pease. I hope we shall have got to y^e Moss Work. Pray tell Jany — Our poor brats are very well, & all good Friends wth us. I beg you will give our Kind love and service to all our Nabours and Acquaintances. I sho'd be glad to hear of y^r safe return out of y^e North. I suppose to morrow we shall have M^r Robinson wth us, and y^t we shall have newes of all Matters. Pardon y^s sad Scrawl, and accept my Masters & Mine, wth y^e rest of our friends Love & service, so I must in haste Conclude Y^r most obliged friend & serv^t B.R.

¹ Otherwise Shireshead, in the township of Cleveley, and parish of Cockerham, 4 miles N. of Garstang.

² A township in the parish of Garstang, and about 2 miles south.

³ A township in the parish of Garstang, and about 2 miles S.E.

To Mr H. R^d at Liverpool

K.¹ May day, 02. S^r. I was y^s morning at Garstang to see if there was any letter for or from You, but finding none, I give you the trouble of y^s to let you Know y^r Son and all Friends here are well. P. Blackburn was here last Sunday to bid us adieu, and y^s next I shall give y^e P^{sh} a Farewell. If there be anything You wo'd have me to Know or do er' I leave y^s place you must acquaint me by Tuesdaies Post, for I think not to stay here till an other. Jinny was yesterday at y^e wedding of her Sister at Cockerham. To y^s Trouble let me add my humble service to y^r self, y^r Lady Children and all good Friends wth You, and conclude Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

Jo brought w^t followes wth some Walnuts &c on Tuesday y^e 5th.

Liverpoole y^e 4th of May. S^r. I must begg y^s Favour of you to acquaint Jane wth w^t followes: In y^e first place I wo'd have her get Betty Machin to assist her ——— I begg you will send by Jo my Masters picture y^t is took in little: it hangs under y^e large one, y^t is in y^e Parlor. I beg you will put it so up y^t there be no danger of y^e glass breaking. Please to accept My Respects & service & pardon y^s Trouble from y^r obliged Friend & Humble Serv^t Bridg^t Richmond.

Mr Brookebanke, I thank You for y^r Kindness in staying y^s long at Garstang, but ha' no business to impart before you come hither. It will be y^e end of y^s week at soonest before we goe to Orford. Present all our Neighbours wth y^e humble service of Y^r Bro. & Ser^t H.R.

I have sent a hundred of wallnuts & 2 pound of Gingerbread, I desire Jane will divide y^e Ginger bread amongst Nurse Stephens children, Nurse Browns & Betty Machins, let Nanny Harris partake wth you in y^e Wallnuts. I hope Jane is not wthout Ale to Wash y^m down wth. if she be, score me on plentifully B.R.

My Answer by Jo.

May 7^o. Madam. This is to thank You for y^r Letter & Nutts, & to inform you Betty Machin & Jane are instructed according to y^r directions. I saw y^r Son yesterday, who is somew^t indispos'd wth 3 teeth y^t hee's a getting, but otherwise is very well. M^{rs} Butler was at Church on Sunday y^e Forenoon, and heard me bid half a Farewell to y^e P^{sh} for I twinn'd my parting sermon, w^{ch} (I suppose) gave y^e good natured Clark occasion in y^e afternoon to Sing a Psalm of Vengeance as a glorious Triumph over me his vanquish Enemy. 'Twas y^e 1. 2. 3. 4. & 8 verses of y^e 94 Ps. M^r Bushell* preached at Ribchester last Tuesday, & M^r Harrison is to preach at Preston y^e Next Month. I send you y^s bec. I cannot wait on you in person y^s Week, but if you continue at Lev. till y^e next I hope to see you there, and be more particular ab^t y^e Country Affaires. In y^e mean time accept my service & divide it amongst those to w^m it belongs. Especially to M^r R^d his Mo^r &c. I am M^m y^r Obliged serv^t T.B.

¹ Kirkland.

And now I am returned to Sephton y^e 8^o day, and on y^e 9^o M^r H. R^d came to see me, and to impart y^e following letter to me.

Revrd S^r. Y^{rs} I recd y^s day but cannot send y^e acc^t of y^e Demesn & tenants till Fridays post since I cannot see Major Longworth before to morrow, I have not much newes to send at present but cannot omit y^e giving y^u some account of M^r B. farewell sermond. His Text was 2 Cor. chap. 13 verse 11th. Finally Brethren Farewell &c y^e whole verse, And after he had explained y^e text he proceeded to put y^m in mind of y^e great care and pains he had taken (during his residing amongst y^m) for y^e good and safety of y^{ir} Souls, wth a great many tender expressions of y^e extraordinary love and respect he had for y^m, w^{ch} caused some of his Admirers to weep, but he said y^t not wth stand all those Endeavours he had mett wth very bitter Enemies, and of y^s very street, who had very much accused him of being guilty of these following sins Drunkenness, Covetousness & Pride, but he did not value all y^t since our Sav^r & his Apostles was accused wth y^e same Sins unworthily as he was, and so went on wth a strange sort of boasting of y^e Innocency of his Life and Conversation, and from thence entered upon a most horrible discource in y^e abusing, scoulding, judging & condemning of those his Accusers and Enemies wth such passionate and spitefull Expressions, & thundred out at such a rate as if he meant thereby to send y^m quick to Hell, to y^e great amazement of y^e most of his hearers, and pationately said he was not so blind but y^t he easily perceived y^t those very accusers had been greatly instrumentall in y^e causing him remov'd, and once he said, Brethren, I was thrutch'd away from You, w^{ch} Expression caused a great many of y^e better sort to blame him, since he was (in y^{ir} opinion) comed to better preferm^t by y^r assistance yⁿ ever he had any possibility for it otherwise, and y. looked upon him to be very ungratefull in some other Expressions touching You—he heartily wished y^t there might no worse yⁿ himself come to be y^{ir} Shepherd and expressed it so as if their was some present danger of y^{ir} souls wanting reliefe, being he was so shortly to leave y^m. tis true he had a little before express^t y^e great satisfaction he had of leaving y^m wth one who was able to defend y^e flock from ye wolves, but y^e other coming after planely seem'd to question y^e Willingness or care of y^t one before mention'd, he likewise tould y^m One of his accusers had publicly declared y^t he was a Man of no parts, Learning, nor preacher in comparison of a particular person, who he was not willing at y^t time to name, but his Accuser was not a Competent Judge in y^e Matter (yⁿ said he) but let me tell him and others, y^t before I came hear I was esteemed otherwise by those who were and are competent Judges. But I am affraid S^r I shall be Troublesom to you, wth y^s tedious letter, pray pardon my boldness, & excuse faults, this being (I hope) my Farewell letter and words too upon y^s head. S^r it being y^e 1st Sunday in y^e Month, as usuall there was M^r Longworth & Capt. Hamilton M^r W^m Hamilton & M^r Beisley mett him there, & some other Gentlemen strangers, soe y^t we had a full Congregation, w^{ch} during y^e Sermond was in y^s Order ——— Some laughing, some crying, some stamping, some staring, y^e Gentlemen & all y^e better sort of y^e Congregation did express at y^{ir} coming from Church y^t y. could not wth patience hear is [*sic*] redicules & useless prate (as y. term'd it) declaring y^t had not such and such been there, y. would have

gone out of y^e Church ; and further added y^t he well deserved to be Suspended for his sermon, such raleing & ruff discourse having caused so many divisions, and y^e Micaels¹ people being used to more sound doctrine thought y^t he had beene gon mad, & reflectingly enquired one of an other w^t time of y^e moon it was.—verte. and the indifferent party of y^e Congregation made sporting & laughter of his discourse, but he concluded wth some tender words such as you shall never see my face more, nor hear words from these lips in y^s in [*sic*] place &c. w^{ch} caused some Men, but especially Ould women & children to weep & at last he sorrowed wth teares for y^t he could not take leave wth y^m in words but refered y^m to y^e text to do it for him, and after some rubbing & wiping his Eyes he faintly let y^m depart wth y^e blessing Usuall. S^r pray be pleased to present mine wth my Wifes most humble services to all y^r relations in generall, & all enquiring Friends, and accept y^e same to y^r self & spouse from y^r most humble & Obedient Serv^t Tho: Lucas. Kirkland May y^e 6th 1702. S^r This may seem to be pationately writ, & y^t former differences may be y^e greatest occasion of y^s wth out any further grounds but reference being had (if such a thing was possible) to y^e Sermond I doubt not but y^s would prove rather favourable then Otherwise but such a Sermond will never abide reading as most y^t heard it thinks. S^r Y^{rs} T: L.

On y^e 10 I received this

Loving son. I have had 3 letters from You, while you were in removing, And on Saturday last I met wth y^r first (as you Write) from Sephton, For I was at Kendale about y^e proving of Hen. Barrowes Will ; We are well, and are very glad to hear of y^r health. We receiv'd from you a Wigg wth some other things. If you want any thing y^t we can help You wth let us Know and we will endea^r to procure it ; Let us Know how You live, whether a border or otherwise. Jennet Strickland went to H. Barrow's funerall, and from thence to Welknow, where her son James Crosfield lived, and shortly after her coming thither he sickened and died, and in y^e morning y^t he was buried, she began to be sick, and her neighbours of Witherslack y^t came to his buriall² y^t y. might come [to] her buriall before y^t day seventh night, and so y. did, for y. went her buriall on Monday following. This is all at present from y^r Father & Mother Jo: M: Brockbanke. Witherslack Apr. 12. 1702.

The 11^o I rid to Liverpool to see M^{rs} R^d and to Know w^t M^r R^d thought of my sermon w^{ch} he had on Saturday to peruse : He had shewn it to M^r Marsden & M^r Stith³ who found no great faults wth it, and w^t He took some offence at was my saying I was thurst out as

¹ i.e. St. Michaels (on Wyre).

² A word missing here ; perhaps "thought."

³ Robert Styth was instituted Vicar of Garstang 13 Mar. 1696-97, and resigned it 2 March following in favour of Henry Richmond. On 21 Aug. 1699 he was instituted to a mediety of the Rectory of Liverpool (St. Nicholas Church), which was then separated from the original Parish of Walton on the hill. He died in Dec. 1713. (Fishwick, *Garstang*.)

Ismael (p. 366).¹ Wth Relation to y^s I writ w^t followes, and sent it by Jos — [illegible], To M^{rs} Bri^t R^d at Orford.

Lev. May 10. 02. Madam. My Misfortunes still persue me, wⁿ I hoped to depart in peace from Garstang. it seems I have unluckily sown y^e seeds of Warr : no, 'twas not I but an Enemy whose malice can be Kept wthin no bounds. The Spider values y^e Flower for nothing but its poison, its healing vertues, and Excellencies are despised. An unfit expression escapes my lips, and 'tis laid hold on. let me speak 10000 good sayings, not one's remembred. But w^{ts} my crime ? The real one is a seeming Ingratitude, seeming (I say) for 'tis no more ; God and my Conscience can witness y^t my thoughts were Innocent, tho I confess one word amiss. I am thrust out ; it sounds ill ; yet my meaning (if I Know it my Self) was no more yⁿ y^t I must leave y^m. I am a boaster, a Judger, a Madman, fit to be suspended, a Causer of Divisions : you Know who tells You so and I hope You'l not take his word for 't. But they are Gentlemen y^t accuse me ; You Know y^m too, and y^t it is enough. Pardon me, pardon me Madam, for I fear I Offend again ; I am w^t you please, as bad as my Enemies can fancy me, yet I am Madam Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To my Father by y^e Post.

Lev. May 11. 02. S^r. By y^s You'l Know I am not only come safe o'r y^e sands to Garstang, but thence also to Sephton. But before I return'd into y^s Country, I took a Journey to see y^t young girls Uncle,² of w^m I acquainted you : Her Father accompanied me, and we were Kindly received by him : He pretends a great good Will for her, and freely wth out asking told me he wo'd give her 150^l at present so soon as some concerns were dispatcht, y^t are in agitation : I promised to let you Know w^t he said, and to communicate to him y^r thoughts upon 't as soon as I Know y^m. If we have an other meeting upon y^s business I hope he will offer more. W^t you think convenient for me to do, you may please to let me Know by y^e first convenience. Last Sunday I receiv'd y^r Letter. This wth duty & service to y^r Self, M^r &c. is all at present from y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B.

On y^e 25th I received w^t followes, sent by Jo^s: King who left it for me at y^e Parsonage.

May y^e : 25th 1702. Rev^d S^r. Upon Saturday last M^r Richmond being come here in Order to administer y^e sacram^t &c. was pleased to declare y^t he had seen and read y^r farewell Sermond preached at Garstang, and hath given such a moderate account of y^e same, y^t it hath almost perswaded me and others, y^t it was y^r Vehement way of delivering it, caused us to have a far worse opinion of it then it was deserving. specially if seriously and wth out Prejudice read ; and further to confirm it produced a Letter wherein you ashure him that there was no more meant by those very expressions (w^{ch} we tooke to be soe ungratefull towards him) then

¹ There is no reference to this on p. 366 (of MS.).

² Richard Turnley of Sparth.

barely y^r leaving the place, and y^t all you further desire by y^e Sermond was that you might parte in peace, w^{ch} I wth others that (if soe) mistooke your meaning, are glad to here and humbly begs you'l be pleas'd, to grant us y^e satisfaction of reading your Sermond considerably over, that thereby (as we are desirouse for) we may be better qualified to rectify those mistakes in our selves and others about it, and if you please to send it by y^e bearer ; it shall be handed or read to any ptical^r pson or psons whome you please to order wth y^e least prejudice, my desire hereby being to moderate all discourse—about it to y^e utmost of my pour, and in Confidence y^t you'l be willing to give soe much satisfaction to your late Parishon^{ers} I conclude my self Y^r Humble Serv^t Tho: Lucas S^r. The sermond shall be safely returned wth gratefull accknowledgm^{ts}, and all further satisfaction made (y^e first Opertunity) y^t can be in any waise reesenbly demanded.

My Answer.

Sep. May. 30^o 02. Clark. If you, and some others, had an ill opinion of my last sermon at Garstang (as y^r Letter intimates) I must think it was partly because You had no good one of him y^t preach'd it. I am no more yⁿ Man, and gō liable to Failures : and possibly a great many faults may be in y^t Sermon : and why may not y^s be a good Reason for me to Keep it, and y^e shame to my Self ? However (such as it is) it has been seen, and I shall not be affraid to show it again, wⁿ a sight of it may do good to You or any others : But pardon me if I am unwilling to send it abroad wthout some one to take care of it : wⁿ Opportunity serves I may (perhaps) show it You my Self : In y^e mean time excuse me, if y^e requested satisfaction be not granted by y^r Friend T.B.

Upon occasion of y^s I writ w^t follows To M^r H. R^d at Orford.

Septon May 30^o. 02. S^r. Herewth I send you a true copy of w^t I receiv'd y^e 25^o, and heartily thank You for y^r Moderate account therin mention'd, and now tell you I am much griev'd, y^t any Indiscretion in me, sho'd Cause You so much trouble. You may see w^t y^e man confidently asks in his Letter, and on y^e reverse You have my answer : But neither's worth reading, our pens are so ruff and ridiculous. I was inform'd before I left y^r Parish, y^t he wo'd give a Guinea, for sight of my Sermon : and I do not think my self so much beholding to him, as now to let him have it for nothing ; yet herein I shall comply wth y^r Will. He is almost perswaded 'twas my vehement way of delivery y^t offended, wⁿ 'tis certain, I never spoke wth less courage. I was indeed very dull both ends o'th' day, especially y^e Forenoon, wⁿ y^e scotch gentlemen were Auditors and if I was at all warm, 'twas in y^e Afternoon, in speaking agst heterogeneous Marriages : but if so w^{ts} y^t to my particular Enemies ? But I trespass on y^r Patience ; These Things are not worth y^r Knowledge. Malice was y^e beginner of y^s and my No-Friend is as good as his Word ; He promis'd to vex me worse yⁿ ever he had done, and now I pronounce him free from y^t promise. I am S^r (not wth standing evil suggestions) Y^r Cordiall Friend & humble Serv^t T.B. My humble Service to y^r Lady, & all other my Friends wth You.

The 30^o this came to me

Loving son. Yours we have receiv'd, and concerning y^e business you desire our advice, we think y^t if her Father or Uncle, could or would make w^t you write as much more, it would doe well, however we do freely referre both to You, and y^e matter to y^e good direction of God, and y^r own free choice, desiring Alm. God to be y^r guide in y^s and in all other actions. The Estate of free land, and Customary, w^{ch} You are likely to have from us, is little short of 600*l*, for Langthwaite¹ cost near 500*l*. And y^e 10 fell close grasses, at 6*s* 8*d* each grass. This and y^r Education sho'd deserve as much as we write of. Y^r and our old friend John Dawson was buried on Saturday last, and his Widdow is very weak : here is many sick amongst us, I pray God sanctify it to us. Anne Stainbank is delivered of a daughter. This at present, wth our daily prayers and blessing is all from y^r deare & Kind parents Jo: Brockbank. Mary Brockbank Witherslack, May 19th 1702.

To Eliz. Whittingham.

S. June y^e 5^o 1702. M^{rs} Betty. Y^r goodness will pardon me for this long silence or else I durst not now break it : The greatest reason why my pen has been Idle thus long, was my receiving no Letter from my Father before last week ; That was y^e great reason, but an other little one was y^e good Clarks Kind letter to M^r R^d about my last Sermon at Garst. In it he gave him a very malicious account w^{ch} caused him to desire a sight of it, and me to write it fair over and I Know not w^t more trouble : but I hope my Back friend has miss'd of his aim, and has proved him self only a barking curr y^t wo'd fain bite but cannot. My Father thinks 150*l* a very small Portion, and seems to expect I sho'd get at least as much more : But let not y^t trouble you, I shall manage y^s business (I hope) to his satisfaction. I have no fine things to tell you now ; I purposely avoid y^m and think it is Enough to Subscribe my self Y^r humble Serv^t T.B. You may let me Know y^r inmost thoughts in y^e inclosed, and wⁿ I perceive your Mind, I shall endeavour to observe.

To M^r Thomas Whittingham at Westfield near Garstang.

M^r Whittingham. Since I came hither I have inform'd my Father wth our proceedings at Spark,² and y^e last week I had an answer from him, in w^{ch} (as I expected) he lets me Know, y^t my Education, Preferm^t, and y^t Estate I am likely to have deserves at least double to w^t y^r Brother offer'd : I Know not how to demand any more of him, being but an Uncle, yet I wo'd hope he will advance, wⁿ he has duly weigh'd all circumstances. In y^e enclosed (w^{ch} I desire You to get to him as soon as You can wth Safety) I have given him a plain account of my Self and my Affaires, as you may see, if you please to peruse it, and gō 'tis not Seal'd. I co'd wish for an Other meeting to draw to some Conclusion about y^s affair, and y^t Y^r Bro. appoint time and Place I shall be ready to observe both. I am Y^r Friend & serv^t T.B.

¹ A farm in Casterton, near Kirkby Lonsdale.

² i.e. Sparth.

To Mr Turnley.

Sep. Ju. 5. 02. S^r. I have lately receiv'd a Letter from my Father in w^{ch} he is pleas'd to tell me he expects I sho'd, if I marry a wife, have more yⁿ 150^l wth her : Tho' at y^e same time he cannot but allow y^t so much is a great deal to be offer'd by an Uncle. He puts me in mind of my Education, my Place, and y^t Estate he designs me any one of w^{ch} he thinks, qualifies me for a greater fortune. And y^t you may not be ignorant in these, be pleas'd to Know, y^t after I had spent some time in school learning He sent me to Oxford where I was almost 9 yeares, and cost (one year wth an other [communibus annis *erased*] almost 40^l p annum. This I might have expected to have been my whole portion, but my older & only brother died, and now I am in a fair prospect to have y^e addition of 7 or 800^l more, besides some 6 or 7 acres of free land w^{ch} my grandfather gave me before his death. To these I may joyn y^e profits of my place where I serve, w^{ch} is 35^l a year ready money, besides all surplice fees as we call y^m. And there is one thing more I will make bold to acquaint You wth. That I have never been an ill husband ; but as for my other Qualities, you may better learn y^m from any body y^t Knowes me ; yⁿ from my self. Wⁿ You shall think it convenient I sho'd be glad to meet you where and wⁿ you'l appoint, and hope for a happy Conclusion of y^e business in hand. And let me tell you my Affection to y^r Neece sprang not from either an admiration of her person or Portion y^t might be expected but from a show of Religion, piety & a good Temper y^t I perceived in her. w^{ch} (tho' y. be y^e best Qualifications in a Wife), yet wthout money, will go but a little way in Keeping house and a Family. If You shall think fit to return me a line, direct it for me at Sephton near Leverp. post p^d 2^d. and it will in all probability come to Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

On Sunday y^e 7th a boy brought me w^t Followes

June 6. 1702. S^r. I have for more yⁿ a week (by advice) drunk y^e Spaw waters at Kirkbie,¹ and would willingly continue to do so whilst y^s fair weather lasts. But y^s will hinder my preparing a Sermon for Wednesday (y^e fast day). If You would therefore preach for me y^t day at Liverpool I would do y^e like for You at Sephton (making use of an old Sermon) y^s Compliance will be a favour at y^s time and oblige me to serve you in like manner wⁿ ever you shall request it from Y^r Br. & Serv^t W^m Atherton.²

My Answer

Seph. June 7^o. 02. S^r. I once preach'd in y^r Pulpit, and found both my Voice and body too weak for it ; yet to oblige You I shall again venture into it to show y^t I am Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

I preach'd at Liverpool y^e fast day and at my return found y^e following letter at y^e Parsonage.

¹ Kirkby is a township in the Parish of Walton-on-the-Hill, and is about 7 miles N.E. of Liverpool.

² William Atherton was Curate of Kirkby in 1686 and one of the Rectors of Liverpool in 1688. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

Claton¹ May y^e 27 day. S^{or}. I having this opportunity by a friend I have made y^e attempt to give you y^e trouble of these few lines, and sho'd be glad to hear of y^r welfare by a line or two from You, but as yet I could not: But I suppose You may have had some letter from y^r Father and Mother, and perhaps they may think me a person too mean for their only Son; And if y^t be y^e reason of y^r long silence, pray let y^t be no longer y^e cause of it, but let me Know if they would have You to dispose of y^r self some other way, to one y^t is of greater fortune yⁿ w^t I am. This is all y^e Favour y^t I shall desire of You, but to let me Know w^t y^r design is, if you be any other wayes dispos'd; And hereafter I shall never give you y^e trouble of any more of my Nonsense for I fear I shall tire y^r patience with these unexpected lines; And I hope You will pardon my boldness; so I conclude all wth my service to y^r self, w^{ch} is all from y^r Servant whilst I do remain Eliz. Whittingham

S^{or} these should have waited on you before, but for some disappointm^t w^{ch} y^e messenger had; and I desire You if You can spare so much time to send me an answer, by y^e same messenger, for he will come back either thursday or friday, and call at y^e same place where he leaves these. And direct y^m to be left at Rob^t Curwens: I thought You would have let me have heard from You once in a months time, to let me have Known how you got to y^r Journey's End, but I find y^t w^{ch} is out of y^r Sight is out of y^r Mind: But I must tell You it is not so wth me. Rob^t Curwen desir'd me wⁿ I writ to you to give his dear love and service to you w^{ch} is all from y^r Servant E.W. June y^e 2 day.

June y^e 11th. 1702. My dear Betty. Yesterday I preach'd at Lev. and at my return was unexpectedly welcom'd home wth y^r Letter. I was glad at y^e receipt of it, but griev'd at y^e contents. It made me think all y^e world conspir'd to vex me, tho' indeed I cannot justly blame y^r complaints. Since I saw you I have met wth a deal of little troublesom businesses, w^{ch} (co'd not make me forget You, yet) took up my Time and thoughts. I hope you had my last, w^{ch} perhaps will not give you y^t satisfaction you seem to desire, but let this supply y^e defects in y^t. And Know I am resolv'd y^r Will shall be a Law to me; only let Discretion guide You, and think it is my study, to procure happiness to us both. Things are not yet in a fit posture, for a hasty Conclusion: but if You wo'd have y^m brought to a certainty, signify so much to me, & you shall know y^t I am Y^{rs} wthout complem^{ts} T.B.

This I enclos'd in w^t follows to M^r Robt. Curwen, Smith, near Garstang. id.

Rob^t. I thank You for y^r Kind remembrance of me, and wish all y^e Parish harbour'd y^e like thoughts of me as you do: But 'tis my misfortune to be hated by some, whose malice has reach'd me here, and put me to a deal of Trouble. If You'l please to give y^e inclos'd to w^m directed you will oblige Y^r Friend & Serv^t T.B.

¹ i.e. Claughton.

The subsequent Letter came to me y^e 3^d of July.

Claton y^e 27 day of June. S^{or}. At y^e last I have received 3 letters from You, 2 for my self, and y^t for my Unkle I sent him by a special messenger, and ordered y^e Messenger to bring an answer back, but his hand shakes so much y^t he cannot write at all, but he ordered me to write to You to let You Know, y^t he will meet You at Preston y^e first Monday after S^t James's day, y^t is y^e 27 day of July 1702 if God spare him life and health, and I hope You will observe y^e time. I have been from home ever since I sent you y^e Letter: M^{rs} Townson sent for me, and while I was there I received Y^r first letters, and y^s day I am unexpectedly welcomed home wth y^e latter of y^r Letters, w^{ch} was very acceptable to me if it had been never so unkind; For I sho'd have concluded it had been my Unworthiness y^t had deserved it, for disturbing y^r Pacns [*sic* ? patience] after all y^e res [?], but I did not Know y^t You had so much trouble upon You, and must begg y^r pardon for my Ignorance, and return You many Thanks for all y^r Letters; and desire You to let me have y^r answer as soon as You have opportunity, y^t I may be sure, y^t You have received it, and to Know w^t house You will be at in Preston and wⁿ You have answered y^s I shall not trouble You any more, but hope to be so happy as to see You before it be long, and conclude all wth my service to y^r self, who am y^r Serv^t to command Eliz. Whittingham.

My answer.

Y^e 7^o. M^{rs} Betty. Y^{rs} I had on Friday (for w^{ch} I thank you), and now return You y^s to assure you my design is to attend y^r Uncle at Preston, y^e 27^o. I shall Inn at . . . [*a word illegible*] one of y^e Bulls, where I shall easily be found, about noon. I Know not y^t I can see You before y^t time, but yⁿ possibly I shall wait on You, and in y^e mean time I am Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

I inclos'd in y^s To Rob^t Curwen, Smith

Rob^t. If you'l please to get y^s to whom directed, you will oblige y^r Thankfull Friend & Serv^t T.B.

To my Father.

July y^e 10^o. 02. S^r. Y^{rs} of y^e 19^o of May I had y^e 30th, & immediately communicated some of y^e chief contents to those they concern'd about Garstang, and last week had Information y^t my Unkle (y^t sho'd be) and some other will Expect to meet me at Preston y^e 27^o Instant, to consult about y^e old business. I design to attend y^m there & w^t we conclude on You shall Know. I preached on y^e fast day at Liverpool, and attended M^r Mayor to his house, where I met wth very good Entertainment. Neues I have none worth mentioning, nor any thing else to trouble you wth, Except You'l esteem so a further assurance of Duty & service to y^r Self, Mother &c. from Y^r Son & Serv^t T.B.

To y^e Rēvd M^r Pe. Becket *¹ at Kirkby

Aug. 25. 02. S^r. This seasonable weather tempts me to go see my Relations in y^e North, and y^e Journey being so great y^t I cannot well perform it in 6 dayes, I am forc'd to importune my Friends assistance for a Sunday's Service. If You'l please to act y^s friendly part in officiating for me y^e next Lords day 'twill oblige me to a suitable return wⁿ it lies in my power: and to induce You y^e more to y^s M^r Wearing ² has promis'd to supply for You at Kirkby, if you return me a consenting Answer by this bearer. So great a Favour shall allwayes be gratefully acknowledged by (S^r) Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

The preceeding letter I sent by Jo: Wilson, who return'd wth answer y^t M^r Becket wo'd come, whereupon I writ To y^e Rēvd M^r Wearing at Crosby.

26^o. S^r. I yesterday sent a Messenger to M^r Becket, who willingly complied wth my desire, and intends to be here on Sunday. You Know y^e rest; and I doubt not will so perform't as thereby to oblige very much (S^r) Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

At my return out of y^e North I write these following letters.

Sepⁿ. 4^o. 02. Dear Mother. To let you Know I am come safe to y^s place y^s is design'd: and y^t you may more particularly be inform'd of my Journey take y^e pains to read w^t follows. The first course I steer'd was into a very rough country, and y^e first house I call'd at was John Walkers, but no body was in: Thence to Bowth to ask M^r Chapman how he did, and so to Colton, where I dined, and staid 2 or 3 hours. After dinner I came to Penny bridge, yⁿ to Ulverston, and at length to Conishead. Here I lodged 2 nights as heretofore: On Wednesday I left Furness and on y^e Sand Met M^r Braddyl returning home: He was glad to see me &c. and I was glad to get to Lanc^r to dine wth M^r Lawson. That done and having jogged a little on Jack, I come to Kirkland but all were gone to Preston: I mounted again & lodged wth a Friend by y^e way, and next morning came to Preston. I tell you nought of y^e Guild, for I saw nothing worth my notice except some Friends & Acquaintance, & a good dinner. I staid here some 3 hours, and then dodg'd on to Ormskirk where I lodg'd last night, and now am got home, and writing this in my own Chamber. And all this is to let you Know y^t I am Y^r dutifull Son & Serv^t T.B. My duty & service to Father &c.

To Mr. Whittingham at Westfield. id.

M^r Whittingham. By this I return You thanks for y^r Kind Enter-tainm^t and y^r other Civilities, and let You Know w^t I had not opportunity to acquaint You wth wⁿ last wth You. I mean my Parents thoughts con-

¹ Peter Becket was incumbent of Kirkby from 1696 to 1723. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

² John Wareing was incumbent of Great Crosby from 1680 to 1711. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

cerning y^r D^r. As to her Person & other Qualifications they are well enough satisfied bec. they are such as please me ; but 'tis y^e Portion they stick at, thô as to y^t they seem not unreasonable. 150^l They think a very small matter, yet wo'd y^r Brother advance one 50^l and you an other, I think 'two'd please y^m. I co'd wish M^r Norcross or some such body co'd be prevail'd with to discourse M^r Turnley : For y^t wo'd be more proper, yⁿ for me to do't and perhaps more effectuell too. And if You wo'd please to give y^r Self a little trouble abt y^s affair & let me Know w^t You wo'd do for y^r D^r 'Tw'od be a satisfaction to me and a new obligation to Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To Eliz. Whittingham. id.

Dear Betty. 'Tis not yet a month since I saw You, and $\overline{g}o$ I hope you'll not complain in y^r next of my Long Silence. I am but just got home for I staid so long in Preston, y^t I co'd get no farther yⁿ Ormskirk y^e last night : But You Know Kings & Queens are great folks, and must be waited on, thô I think I shall wait no more on those at y^e Guild. Indeed I might have made better speed for any weight of money I took : but perhaps you'll say my disappointm^t made me so heavy, y^t my horse co'd not move briskly wth me ; yet if You'l trust me—Disappointm^{ts} had never such effect upon me, and none I believe shall ever be able to disturb me, except you be concern'd in it. Tother night you show'd a kind of Indifferency in y^r talk, but I flatter my self 'twas but a copy of y^r Countenance, and y^t I have at least a little corner in y^r heart. If I be mistaken, perhaps it may not Kil me, but most certainly will be a great trouble to y^r Serv^t T.B.

To y^e Bp. at Chester.

Sep. 5. 02. My Lord, The late seasonable weather prevail'd wth me to take a Journey into y^e North to visit my Friends there, & now being return'd I make bold to inform y^r Lp. y^t M^r Prody of Cartmel has been for Some time (and yet continues) very much indisposed : His distemper is said to be a Dropsy, now grown to y^t height as to make people despair of his recovery. I hope y^r Lp. will not be offended wth y^s Information, and I wo'd hope for y^r Lps pardon If I intimate a desire (*not of his Death, but*) to succeed him if he die of y^s illness. 'Tis my native Country, a Place where I am respected and well Known, its Air healthfull, and agreeable to my constitution, whereas y^e Foggs y^t frequently oppress us here cannot be wthout danger. These and other considerations are y^e cause of y^s Trouble to y^r Lp. who (as my Friends at Conishead suggested to me) have now y^e sole disposal of y^t Church. If y^r Lp. has received my last I need not now tell You how long I have been here, and w^t was y^e Occasion of my Removall, bec. you remember both ; I only add y^t I am (my Lord) Y^r Lordsp^s very much obliged humble serv^t T.B.

The Bishops Answer.

Chester. S^r, The Letter in w^{ch} You gave an account of y^e occasion of y^r removall never came to my hands. Your Friends at Conishead were

mistaken wⁿ they suggested to You y^t I have now y^e sole disposal of y^e Church of Cartmel : For y^e heir¹ being but 2 or 3 years old y^e Lease co^d not be otherwise renewed yⁿ to S^r W^m Lowther his Guardian ; & y^e Lease being made to him in trust for his Pupil, he could not give his consent to any alterations to y^e disadvantage of his said Pupil : S^r W^m has $\bar{g}o$ (as M^r Preston had formerly) y^e nomination of y^e Minister of Cartmel. If $\bar{g}o$ M^r Proddy be in such a dangerous condition, y^e best Course You can take will be by y^r Friends to make application to S^r W^m, and wⁿ you hear of M^r Proddies death if you give me notice thereof, I will forthwth reco $\bar{m}$ end you to S^r W^m w^{ch} is all y^t can be done by S^r Your affectionate Brother N. Cestriens. Sep^t 9th 1702.

To my Father.

Sep. y^e 14. 02. The enclosed I receiv'd yesterday in answer to one I writ concerning M^r Proddys illness, and by it am inform'd y^t y^e power of presenting to Cartmel (wⁿ there is occasion) is still lodg'd wth S^r William. This You see is y^e reason why y^e Bp. advises to make application to S^r W^m by my Friends, but who are fit to employ in such a case I wot not. If I Knew who are great in his bokes, I wo^d write to y^m to intercede for me, and I am thinking also of writing my self to S^r W^m. My friends at Conishead I believe will not be willing to meddle, thô perhaps I shall give y^m y^e trouble of a letter very shortly, and therin intimate my desire of being y^{tr} neighbour. I desire y^r advice in y^s as in all other affaires of consequence and to inform me how M^r Proddie does, y^t if he recover I may think no more on Cartmel. I am just writing to y^e Bp. to thank him for his Letter, and to acquaint him wth y^e contents of y^t of mine w^{ch} he never received. I say nothing of my Journey hither, for I hope my Mother has told you of it. I am (wth duty to y^r self, Mother &c) S^r Y^r dutifull son and Serv^t T.B.

To y^e Bp.

14. 02. My Lord, I humbly thank y^r Lp. for y^{rs} of y^e nineth, and for y^e Information and Advice you give me in it. As also for y^e Kind Promise of Recommending me to S^r W^m L^r if there fall out a Vacancy at Cartmel : I make bold herewth to send you a copy of y^t Letter y^t I *sent but* w^{ch} came not to y^r Lordps hands ; It was inclosed in one to M^r Waite, and I desired him to convey it to y^r Lp : but perhaps he received y^m not, or thought it not fit to trouble y^r Lordsp. wth such triviall matters : *And indeed* (my Lord) I am ashamed, and displeas'd at my self for disturbing y^r serious Thoughts wth my little Concerns ; all y^t I have to urge for Excuse, is y^r Lordships goodness, and a Perswasion y^t I ought to undertake nothing of moment wthout y^r Lps Knowledge & Approbation. I am (my L^d) Y^r Lps humble Serv^t T.B.

¹ The heir was Thomas, eldest son of Sir William Lowther by Catherine Preston his wife. Sir William died in 1705. Thomas, his son, married in 1723 Elizabeth, dau. of William, 2nd Duke of Devonshire, and *d.* 1745, leaving an only son William, who, dying in 1756, left his Holker property to his maternal cousin Lord George Cavendish.

The next came to me on Michael-mas-day, and was either in these words or to y^s effect.

Claughton Sep. 27. 1702. S^r. Y^{rs} I received y^e 11 day and I am glad to hear you are at home in 2 dayes. I hope you was not weary wth riding too far on a day, for if You had You could not have writ; But You thought You would let me have no room to complain of y^r long silence now. You are pleased to fancy y^t I was indifferent in my Talk; You might have tould me so wⁿ You was wth me, for to be sure You had it in y^r mind before we parted; All y^e Indifferency y^t I have I learned of You, for You Know You seem to be very indifferent as any body can be, and If I could be so I should be glad, but it is not in my power to be so wth You; But if I could be so it were not a miss till I had more assurance of y^r Love to me: For if my Friends & you sho'd differ in y^e least, yⁿ to be sure I am left to my Self & forsaken of You; And y^t reason makes me y^t I would wth draw my Love as much as I could. But if Things were once concluded on you sho'd not need to doubt of my Constancy to You in y^e least; and in y^e mean while I remain constant till You bid me finally Farewell, for in y^s Letter I am pleas'd to let You Know my inmost Thoughts, but you would not let me Know y^{rs} wⁿ You was wth me. You said y^t You would have some more discourse wth my Unkle, and if You will I would have You to take Y^r Opportunity before Martell-mas, if you can spare so much time; And if you do come I hope things will be so concluded on some way or other. For I have great desire either to Know one or other, for it is 2 years y^s very month since we began to Keep company, and it is time to make some End now. My Father will do as You desire him, as Soon as harvest is over he will get some body to speak to my Uncle, And as for his own part He will do as you desire him in y^r letter. So I conclude wth my humble service to y^r self Eliz. Whittingham.

My Answer.

Sephton Octob. y^e 2^d 1702. My dear Betty. Y^r last made good haste hither for I had it on Michaelmas day, and now by y^s return You my hearty Thanks for it. I shall not answer all you say in't, but as to y^e chief matter, you may rest satisfied of w^t I have formerly told you. That I am ready to submit to y^r Will as to a Law. Let me but Know w^t You wo'd have me do, and if I fail yⁿ complain of me. If You expect me before Martin-mass, God willing, I shall wait on You; Or give you some satisfactory Answer why not: If it be y^r mind y^t yⁿ We come to a final conclusion, it shall be my mind too; either to be as we are, or to alter our state, by a nearer Union or a more distant separation. This is no complement, but y^e very Thought of my heart, and as such make use of it, and be perswaded 'tis y^r own fault not mine if I be not allways Y^{rs} T.B.

To M^r H. R^d at Garstang.

Octob. 2^d 02. S^r. I was at Leverp. on Saturday where I saw some of y^r Relations, and heard y^t y^e rest there were well. Y^r bro. M^r Silv. invited me to his house and paid me eight pounds on y^r Account, for w^{ch} he has my Receipt. The Parson is not yet very well; his distemper hangs

on him, but 'tis not so violent as to take either his strength or stomach away. The rest of y^e Family continue in good health, as do (for ought I Know) all y^r other Friends in y^s part of y^e Country. I desire you to give my hearty service to y^r good Lady, y^r little ones, and neighbours, and, by conveying y^e inclosed whither directed, to oblige Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

The following letter came to me y^e 4^o.

Caulton ¹ Septem: y^e 15th 1702. S^r. I am sorry y^t I could not have y^e happiness to see You, when You was in our Country, for we was very busie at y^t time, soe I humbly begg y^r Pardon, for I could not wait upon You. But my Mother told me of some Notes w^{ch} You was not satisfied about. wⁿ You writ from our house you ordered me to lend y^m to Ja: Scotson, so I delivered y^m to Tho: Turner next day and desired him to give y^m to Ja: Scotson, and since You was at our house I spoke to M^r Turner, and he said he gave his Uncle some, and y^e rest he borrowed of him, but he sayes he will give him y^e remainder if he please, but M^r Crosley hath perswaded M^r Tho: Turner to go to London, & he will prefer him there to great matters. So I believe he will go shortly, w^{ch} is all from him who is S^r Y^r assured Friend and humble Serv^t John Rownson.

My answer.

Leverp. Octob. 6. 02. John, I give you great thanks for y^r Kind letter, but instead of making you requital for y^e trouble I have put you to, I desire You to take a little more upon You. 'Tis (chiefly) to give my hearty thanks to y^r F^r & M^r for y^{lr} Kindnesses, and Love and Service to y^m and all my old Friends about You; And also to get y^e Enclos'd to Tho: Turner (if in y^e Country) & Ja: Scotson, and to inform him w^t is become of his brothers Notes. If Tho: Turn^r ask you 17^s 6^d I desire You to pay it him, and take his Receipt, and upon Information I shall repay it to y^r Bro. at Liverpool. Wⁿ Y^r Occasions send you y^s way, I hope You'l not think it much about to call upon and thereby oblige Y^r Affectionate Friend T.B.

To Tho. Turner.

Thomas, You er this may think I have forgot You and my own promise to see you pd for 1 Q^{rs} teaching at Colton: but both are fresh in my mind, and I thought long ago to have freed my self of y^r Engagement. I have 40^s owing me for Good-Friday's Sermons, but I now perceive I must lose y^t as well as other small dues; and as for y^e Incumbent I Know his gratitude too well to expect ought from him, and gō I must open my own purse to pay You. I gave Wilson 17^s 6^d y Q^r and y^e like Summ I think Jo: Rownson of Colton will pay you if You'l please to ask him and give him a Receipt for it. This is from Y^r Sincere friend T.B.

To James Scotson.

6. 02. James, You cannot imagine how much I was troubled y^e last time I saw You at Colton: Troubled (I say) to be accosted by You as if

¹ Colton, or Coulton.

I detain'd some valuable goods from You by fraud or Violence ; but since y^t Mistake may easily be rectified, my greatest concern was to find you in such a place, wth such Companions, at such an hour, in such a Condition. Not y^t I think it a crime to be in an Ale house, or even to enjoy moderately good company there : but to spend dayes and nights (not excepting y^e Lords day it self) in drowning y^r Reason, is a fault, a great one. I allwayes took You for an honest Man, a Man of Reason and Understanding, and (w^t is more) a religious Man, and y^s excited in me y^e greater Indignation and grief to see all y^r good Qualities at once Ecclyps'd by a swinish sin. For Gods sake Consider w^t You do, & take a little pains wth y^r self in reforming y^s y^r Error. If you please consult y^r Bible Is. 5. 11. 22 : 22. 13.—28. 7 : 56. 12. Prov. 33. 29—Eph. 5. 18. 1 Cor. 5. 11. : 6. 10. Luke 21. 34 &c. as also y^e whole duty of Man, or other good bookes, & I hope y. will create an Abhorrency in you agst y^s brutish vice. Above all desire Gods assistance, and Keep a continuall watch over y^r Self, and doubt not y^e Conquest, if you heartily set about it. I begg of You to take y^s as it is meant, as a Mark of my Love and Kindness to you, and to convince You, y^t I am Y^r unfeigned Friend & Serv^t T.B. My Love and service to all y^r good family & Neighbours.

To my Father.

Liverpool. Octob. 27. S^r. I have long expected an answer to mine of y^e 14^o of y^e last month, wherein I sent You y^e B^ps letter to me ab^t Cartmel, in w^{ch} he tells me y^e power is still in S^r Will : If M^r Prody be a recovering, or if dead and y^e place be disposed of You Need think no more of it : If otherwise you may please to let me Know how things are and acquaint me (if You Know) who is proper to employ to sollicite S^r Will^m. I am writing y^s in haste, and cannot have time to add anything but my Duty & Service to y^r Self, Mother &c. I am y^r humble Son & serv^t T.B.

To Eliz. Whittingham.

Octob. 30. M^{rs} Betty, Yesterday my horse was saddled, my boots on & I was for putting foot in Stirrup wth design to wait upon you, but was staid by a Suddain storm of Rain. I thought to have seen You before y^s and hope shortly to be happy in y^r Company, thò business as yet detains me prisoner. 'Tis now too late y^s week to begin a dirty Journey, and earlier I co'd not ; A holy-day, a court &c required my presence. Next week I must preach on Thursday. On Tuesday am under an Obligation to attend some Gentlemen 3 or 4 Miles off : The other dayes are to be taken up wth Visiting &c. But y^e next week after You may expect me ; or if yⁿ you see me not conclude some very great business stops me. It must be very great, or I shall dispense wth it to Kiss y^r hands, and to give you further assurance y^t I am wholly Y^{rs} T.B.

The next came to me on Sunday y^e 15 of Nov^r.

Loving Son. We had Y^{rs} mentioning y^r going home dated y^e 4^o of September. But y^t You mention on y^e 14th of Sep. wth y^e B: letter came not, And now y^s last on y^e 27th of October. And for y^e person you

write of, is gone into his own Country thereby hoping to recover his health And hath hired a Man You Know (to wit) M^r E. W. to serve his place for half a year. S^r W^m is at London. James Mayshall of Backbarrow is y^s, day to be buried. John Wilkinson of Meathop is to be married on Thursday next wth Tho: Hawdons daughter. We, wth our Neighbours are well, blessed be God for it: This wth our blessing, and prayers to God for You is all at present from Y^r Parents J M: Brookbank Witherslack Nov^r 4th 1702.

My Answer.

Nov. 17. S^r. Y^{rs} of y^e 4th Instant confirmed my Suspicion y^t mine of y^e 14th Sep. never reach'd you. It was much to y^e Same effect as my last, and y^e B^s a Kind answer to me of mine. He tells me y^e reason why y^e power of Nominating to Cartmel is still in S^r W^m and promises to recommend me to him If I acquaint him of a Vacancy at Cartmel. Last week I was almost as far as Garstang, and thence rid to y^e Edge of Yorkshire abt y^e business You have some Knowledge of, but w^t issue it will have I yet Know not: The Unkle is lately married¹ w^{ch} makes me think he'll not be so open handed as was supposed; But let him do as he will he has but one side of y^e bargain. Thence I travail'd as far as Orford by Warrington to see my old Friend M^{rs} R^d of Garstang, who is now ill (of a Consumption, I fear) at her Father's. The Newes abt y^e D. of Ormonds² destroying y^e French & Spanish ships has reach'd You Er' this I suppose. 'Tis confirm'd from all hands and need not be doubted. The Queen wth both houses &c was y^e 14 at S^t Pauls to give thanks. We are just now told y^t Benbo³ has destroy'd most if not all y^e French Plantations in y^e Leeward Isles except Martinico. The E. of Darbies body⁴ came to Letham⁵ on Thursday. I am (wth Duty to y^r Self Mother &c) S^r Y^r Obedient Son & Serv^t T.B.

This came to me on Sunday y^e 29 Novem.

Preston, Loving Son, I wrot to You on y^e 4^o of y^s month, and sent it by y^e Post, wherin I expressed y^t I received y^{rs} of y^e 4th of Sep^r—mentioning y^r Journey home. But y^t You write of y^e 14^o of Sep^r wth y^e B^s Letter came not to me. And concerning y^e Person you write about in y^{rs} of y^e 27^o of Octob. he is gone wth his wife into his own Country in hopes to recover his health. And hath hired M^r E.W.⁶ to Serve his place for ½ a year. S^r W:^{*} is at London. James Mayshall of Back-barrow was buried at Cartmel on y^e 4^o of y^s month. John Wilkinson of Meathop is married wth Tho: Hawdons daughter. The Opportunity of James Kellets coming

¹ Richard Turnley's 2nd wife was Agnes Cottam.

² James Butler, 2nd Duke of Ormond (1665-1745). The destruction of the French and Spanish fleets took place at Vigo Harbour, 12 Oct. 1702.

³ Vice-Admiral John Benbow (1653-1702).

⁴ William, 9th Earl of Derby (1655? to 5 Nov. 1702).

⁵ Lathom House, near Ormskirk.

⁶ As appears from a letter dated 29 Jan. 1702-3 *below*, E. W. stands for E. Wilson.

into y^r Country, is y^e cause of my writing at y^s time, and also fearing my Former letter may prove as others have done. We and our Neighbours are well blessed be God for y^e same. This (wth our blessing and prayers to God for you) is all at present from Y^r loving parents J : M : Brockbanke Witherslack, Nov. y^e 8th 1702.

Rob^t Taylor of Coulton brought me y^e two following letters. Jan. 6.

Ulv^{tn}. Jan. 2. 170³. Honr^d S^r. I presumed by this opportunity to trouble You wth these lines, thō a poor return for y^r many & signall Favours formerly to me shewn. The lively colours of Y^r benigne Mind are yet so faceable on my memory, y^t if y^s small Quantum had slipt Y^{rs} I co^d not but 've counted y^r former Cortesies full satisfaction ; as also my young Experience ——— [illegible] to 've been ——— [illegible] wth a Quis nisi mentis inops in se. But for y^a generous spirits I find overlookes such Trifles. According to y^r Order I Rec^d 17^s 6^d of Jo: Rownson. All w^{ch} adds to y^r former Obligations a double tie And if such a thing might fall under y^r prevailing power as some p^rferm^t of my Employ, I co^d willingly begg y^r fav^r, thō not wthout Impudence I confess, 'cause both my friends and parts are of ornary rank (as not altogether to You unknown) Yet I'll conclude y^e greater y^e Object y^e larger y^e Charity. S^r please to Excuse my Tediousness, and accept my Service, for surely Y^{rs} to serve you wherin I may Tho: Turner.

Coulton Jan y^e 3^d 1702. S^r. According to y^r Order I have paid M^r Tho: Turner Seventeen shillings & Sixpence, and I have sent You his receipt for y^s Money and pray pay it to my brother Rob^t. and if ever You have Occasion to make use of Me I shall be ready to serve You to my Utmost: My Father and Mother desires to be remembered to You and accept y^e same from Y^r assured Friend & humble Serv^t John Rownson.

My answers follow sent by Rob^t Tailor.

Leverp. Jan. 9. 02. John, I send you a thousand Thanks for y^r late Kindness, & were it in my power wo^d make You some suitable Return for it. I have repaid y^e money to bro. Rob^t. as I suppose he will inform You, and must desire one Favour more, y^t my hearty Love and service may be distributed to all good Friends, especially to y^r F^r & M^r and believe y^t I am y^r sincere friend T.B.

In y^s I included one to Tho: Turner at Ulverston.

Thomas. I thank you for y^r Kind letter, and wo^d wish myself so happy as to be able to serve You by being instrumental in removing you to a more profitable Post. I doubt not y^r Fitness for y^e Employ you follow, but let me advise You not to harbor too aspiring thoughts. An eager desire of Preferm^t is a very troublesome inmate, & has Sometimes put (otherwise) good men upon undue practices: The love of Money is y^e root of all Evil and Many worshippers of Mammon have sacrificed y^r Vertue, y^r Religion, y^r All to y^t Unmercifull Deity. Be honest, sober, and industrious, and leave y^e Success to God. I must desire you not to be displeased if at y^s distance I take on me y^e part of a M^r. I mean not

to command but to instruct. Tis about y^r way of writing wth has ingenuity enough in it, but somew^t frothy and luxuriant, a Fault (allmost to a Proverb) in Scholemasters. The best way of writing is in y^e plainest Words to express one's Thoughts, and not to be so studious for Sounds as Sense. If You take y^s as it is meant you'll easily believe y^t I am Y^r affectionate Friend. Pray give my Service to y^r Relations to M^r Wildman & his M^r and (if you have y^e Opportunity) to y^e good family at Conishead.

To M^r. Whittingham. id.

M^r W^m. Since my return into y^s Country wth longing I expected to hear from one y^t promised me an account how matters were carried ; but hearing nothing I am tempted to suspect all's not well as to my Affaires. I have for a long time been arming my self for Disappointments, and truly I have had good Occasion to make use of my Arms, and if I be stil exposed to fight Such Enemies, I must and will do my best to conquer y^m. I will hope y^e best till I be convinced 'tis in vain ; And however unfortunate I may be in y^e World, it shall be my great study to be honest, and you shall never find but y^t I am Y^r Sincere Obliged friend & serv^t T.B.

To my Father.

Lev. Jan. 9^o. S^r. Y^{rs} by Ja: Kellet and y^e Other before I received, and now give You y^e trouble of y^s to let You Know I am well, and still desirous to hear y^e like of You. My good Friend M^{rs} Richmond is dead to y^e great grief and loss of her husband, and all y^t Know her ; she died at Orford near Warrington where I was to see her about 6 weekes ago. Some of our Leverp. merchants have sustain'd great loss by F. Privateers, and y^e F : K (for all y^e late blow y^t was given him) speaks proud things still : But God is stronger yⁿ y^e Devil, and we have nothing to fear while he is our Friend. There's great Prospect of a bloody Summer, And we can scarce hope for a Conclusion of it but wth y^e Fall of many a Man. Cap. Kirby ¹ wth 2 other C^s are shot in y^e West-Indies for Cowardice or treachery rather in not fighting some F. Ships y^t were in y^r power. My Service and duty to Y^r self Mother &c concludes from Y^r Son & Serv^t T.B.

To Jonathan Ballart at Ince.²

18^o. Jonathan, I have rid my horse some miles to be advised concerning y^e business, you were wth me about y^s morning [t was to marry a Cupple wthout bans pub. or licence and in a house y^e woman being but delivered 5 or 6 dayes before, and y^e Man y^s or y^e next day to be had to

¹ Captain Kirkby of the *Defiance*, Captain Wade of the *Greenwich*, and Captain Constable of the *Windsor* were tried by Court Martial by order of Admiral Benbow at Jamaica after his unsatisfactory fight with a French fleet under du Casse. Kirkby and Wade were shot on board the *Bristol* in Plymouth Sound, 16 Apr. 1703 ; while Constable was cashiered. (*D.N.B.*) Brookbank's statement that they had been shot in the West Indies is a premature, but intelligent, anticipation of their fate. Their real offence seems to have consisted in calling upon the Admiral to give up the chase of the French fleet.

² *i.e.* Ince Blundell, in the parish of Sefton.

y^e Sessions if now he did not marry her] and am confirm'd in my Opinion of y^e illegality of it more yⁿ I was. If y^e child had not been born, I might have had some hopes y^t y^e B^p wo'd have dispensed wth a clandestine Marriage; but as y^e case now stands I must not expect he sho'd. I am sorry I cannot oblige You and Other Persons concern'd in y^s: However You may please to believe y^t I am Y^r Sincere F. & Serv^t in w^t I may T.B.

W^t followes came to me Feb. 2^d.

Cleton¹ Jan. 22. 1703. S^{or}. Since I saw you I have never had y^e Opportunity of sending you a letter, but now I am returned home y^e 9. day, and y^s is y^e first Post day. My Father hath received a letter from You, and wⁿ I came home he let me see it, and I fancy by y^r Letter y^t You are much displeased at my long Silence, but I co'd not help it, and if You please to remember you was once long Silent y^r Self and wⁿ you did let me Know y^e reason I was well pleased, and did remember it no more: And y^r goodness I hope will do y^e same by me, or else I durst not have taken y^e boldness upon me to write now, but y^t I hope you will pardon me y^e first time and while I stay at home You shall hear from me as often as You please. You say in y^r letter y^t you have been arming y^r Self for disappointm^t, but I hope y^t I am not y^e Cause of any of y^s discription: If I be let me Know w^{ch} way, and if it be in my power to prevent y^m You shall never meet wth any. Thô I was silent yet my Thoughts and prayers was allwayes for y^r health and welfare, but I fancy wⁿ you thought of me you would conclude y^t I was unconstant, & forgetful of you, but y^t was y^r mistake of me. I have been wth my uncle, and we had some talk about You, and he was very loving and Kind, and my new Aunt showed to be very glad of my company. I hope you will be so Kind as to let me have a line or two from You y^e first Opportunity, for I wo'd as gladly hear from you as you wou'd from me. So I rest y^r ever loving Serv^t to command Eliz. Whittingham.

My answer.

Feb. y^e 8^o. M^{rs} Betty, Last tuesday in y^e evening I received Y^{rs} for w^{ch} I thank you, and y^s being my first convenience of writing, I send you y^s to oblige you, since you intimate y^r desire to hear from me. I cannot tell you I am very well, bec. I am not so, thô (I thank God) better yⁿ I have been: sickness has not much troubled me, for my illness was chiefly a pain at y^e Stomac as y. call it, but I rather think at my lungs: I have had my share also in some cold distempers y^t have been very common here, & for some time my Palate has diseas'd me. At present I complain of nothing but of pain at my breast, & y^t too is much abated. I hope to get it removed y^s spring, or if I do not, it may possibly remove me. I am glad of y^e visit you p^d y^r unkle and y^r Kind reception there, and if You had inform'd me w^t conclusion Bro. & Uncle are come to, it wo'd have further obliged Y^r humble serv^t T.B. My service to all friends.

¹ i.e. Claughton.

On y^e 8^o at Liverpool I received y^s.

Loving son. Y^{rs} on y^e 19th of y^s instant, and one before I received, by y^s I perceive y^t Madam Richmond hath left y^s world, for w^{ch} we are heartily sorry. Edward Strickland and Isabel Whitehead were married on Saturday last. George Taylor Senior of Witherslack, and George Taylor of Meathop are both dead. M^r E. Wilson hath left Cartmel being chased away wth writs, & M^r Proddy is come again and serves y^t Cure, and is well in health as it appears, for my Wife Y^r Mother was at Cartmel yesterday at y^e funeral of Rowland Rowlandson's wife. We are well blessed be God for it. This wth our blessing and prayers to God for You is all at present from Y^r Parents—J. M: Brockbanke Witherslack Jan: 29. 1702.

My answer.

Lev. F. 6. 02. S^r. Since my Arrivall at y^s Town I have received a Letter from You, and am glad for some of y^e contents, but sorry for other, especially for M^r Wilsons misfortunes. Since my last I have not been very well, some cold Distempers and a pain at my breast have been troublesome to me, but now I thank God I am better yⁿ I have been. If you will direct Y^{rs} to be left at any place in Town, I think y^e black-horse is y^e likeliest. This wth Duty & Services to y^r Self Mo^r &c is from y^r Son & serv^t T.B.

On Saturday Feb. 20 a special Messenger brought me w^t Followes wth out direction.

Sir. You being for cuming to formby¹ y^e next Lords day, and I desire You for to cum to night along wth the berar. If it be possibly to a man y^t lyes a daying but hee Is very sensible So I seas for writing y^r Sarvent William Rimer Chapel Warner of Formby and the Man Is my father.

Next morning I rid early to visit y^s sick Man but found him dead : On y^e Morrow I preach'd his Funerall and buried him ; and on Wednesday a boy came to me wth y^e Subsequent Note

Reverd Sir : We desire You for y^e Lords sake to be so Kind as to come along wth y^e bearer, to baptize a Child of John Suttons of y^s Town for w^{ch} we are bound in duty to pray for You, if you cannot come to come as soon as possible you can, for y^e child is very weakly and we are affraid of it ; so having no more but our love and service to you, hoping You will not fail in So doing. William Rymir, & Christo^r Rice, Chappel Wardns. Formby Feb. 24. 1702.

This I answered by an immediate compliance wth y^r Request. On Thursday y^e 25^o in y^e evening Anthony Fleetwood gave me y^e next.

¹ Formby is in the Parish of Walton, and about 7 miles S. of Southport.

Cloton Feb. y^e 15^o. 1702. S^r. I having y^s opportunity by M^r Richmon, for he was so Kind to offer his servis to cary mee a leter or els I should not given neither him nor you the trouble of it for y^s is y^e 2 leter y^t I have Sent since I came home but could never be so happy to receive one line from you which makes me think my leters is more troublesom to You then my long silence was however I must begg the favour of You to answer both mine in a few lines if you can spair so much time for my ——— [illegible] the would be very acceptable to mee for it is now a long time since I had a leter from You. I would not a comd home till May but that I had not the oportunitaty of sending a letter to You, nor hearing from you if You send by the Post derect it for Rob Curwen so I conclud with humble Servis to your self from mee Eliz. Whittingham.

My Answer.

March 2^d. M^{rs} Betty. Y^{rs} of y^e 22^d Jan. made bad haste to me yet I at last received it and return'd you an answer Feb. 5. w^{ch} was my first convenience : I delivered mine wth my own hands to y^e Post M^r directed for y^r F^r but for all my care it seems you had not seen it at y^e writing of y^{rs} of Feb. 15 w^{ch} came but 2 or 3 dayes since to me. In mine I told you I had not been very well, and I dare not yet say I am perfectly recovered : I am tormented frequently wth a corroding pain at my breast, and spit more yⁿ usually and w^t this may be y^e forerunner of I Know not but fear y^e worst. Since my coming hither I have been very busy in fitting up some rooms for a Convenient habitation, wth w^t design you may imagine, But whether my purpose shall be frustrate God only Knowes. To him I can willingly commit all my Affaires, and shall not (I hope) repine if every thing answer not my Expectations. I am Y^{rs} affectionately T.B.

W^t followes came to me y^e day y^t it was writ.

Pray good Sir if possable you could bot come along wth y^s Bearer Gregory Hunt¹ [?], who having his aged F^r above 90 yeares of Age lying under his Fathery [?] corection, having a great desire to have a minister to come to & likewise to have a funeral Sermon, if it please God to call for him out of y^s world at y^s time : So wth my humble service to y^r self who am Y^{rs} Tho. Sutton. Formby March 12th 1702.

The pain at my breast mentioned in some preceeding letters took me about X^{mas} perhaps occasion'd or (at least I think it was) encreas'd by my frequent preaching yⁿ. And those Avocations to Formby I am perswaded did help on my Illness w^{ch} together wth my hard service at Easter, put me in a Condition fit to exercise y^e Physicians skill and care. I therefore acquainted D^r Tarleton wth my Case and begg'd his Advice, w^{ch} he freely gave me : It was to remove to Leverp. for a few nights, y^t he might make y^e better Observations concerning me : I did so and came to town on wednesday y^e 31 of March, and lodged in Red cross street at ————— [blank] where I received and writ y^e Subsequent Letters.

¹ This name is uncertain ; it might be Jump.

This met me at y^e Black horse.

Claton March 28^d 1703. S^r. I received both y^{rs} and by y^s return You Answer hoping by y^s you are perfectly recovered of y^r pain, w^{ch} if you be, I hope in y^r next you will give me an account of your perfect recovery for it wo'd be very acceptable newes to me. For I have been very much troubled ever since I received y^r letters. You desired to Know w^t Conclusion Bro. & Uncle were come to, and y^t was none at all wⁿ I came home, nor since as I Know of. You say You have been very busy in fitting up Rooms, I pray God send you y^r health, and happy Enjoyment of w^t You have taken so much care and pains about, for I fancy You are very ——— [illegible] to w^t you was wⁿ you were at M^r Rich^ds. All y^e Newes y^t I have to tell you is, y^t Betty is delivered of a son, and she hath 3 maids, and her nurse, and all in great Order, as I am inform'd. I have been in very good health ever since I saw You. Rob^t Curwen gives his Service to you, and wⁿ You please to send me a letter, direct it for him, for y. come best. This is all at present from Y^r Serv^t Eliz. Whittingham.

My Answer.

For M^r Rob^t Curwen in Catterall near Garstang. Kind love and service to R.C. and y^s letter to M^{rs} Eliz. Whittingham from T.B.

Liverpool. Ap. 2^d 1703. M^{rs} Betty. Y^r Kind Letter met me at y^s town last wednesday, whither I am come to see if Physic will restore me my health : I have been much indisposed, and cannot say I am recovered, but hope for mends. The D^r encourages me, and y^r letter methinks has done me good, yet I complain stil ; perhaps y^r presence wo'd work a Cure, but wⁿ I shall be so happy as to have it, I cannot tell. Some Thoughts have crept into my head of leaving Sephton, to see if another Air wo'd help me and w^t to do as yet I am not resolved. You are troubled for me, and y^t troubles me ; I desire y^r happiness w^{ever} befalls me. If my Distemper proves a Consumption, You Know y^e rest, 'twill be a stop to my wishes. I pray God to direct us both, and make us happy in an other life : 'Tis our wisdom to be left at peace wth Heaven, and yⁿ Disappointments here will be y^e less regarded. If my Illness continues, I am not so unreasonable as to expect you sho'd let y^r youth slip away by waiting for an uncertain Recovery. You may Assure y^r self I am Y^r unfeigned Friend T.B.

At y^t same time This was writ to my Father to be left wth M^r Bowes in Kendale as others.

Lev. Ap. 2^d (03.) S^r. I have been 3 dayes in y^s Town, my business to consult about health. I have been blouded and purged since I came, and I think must take physick wⁿ I return to Sephton. The pain at my breast was increased by to much exercising my Lungs at and before Easter, but y^e D^r gives me hopes of Recovery. Tis my friend D^r Tarleton who has almost perswaded me to take a son into my Care for some time, to fit him for y^e University. If I be not better, I am thinking to visit and stay a while wth you for change of Air. I have no Newes to tell you, nor

any thing more to trouble you wth yⁿ my Duty and Service to y^r Self M^r &c. but rest Y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B.

On Friday *morning* Jo. Wilson came to me at my Lodging wth This.

S^r. Y^r Churchwarden about three weekes ago was speaking You desired to make an Exchange some Sunday wth me ; if you please, and it may fit wth your Conveniency, let it be next Lords day, and Ile Supply at Sefton upon y^r Coming to Aughton. pray y^r Answer by y^e servant y^t brings this Y^r Friend & Brother Christopher Sudell. Aughton : Friday morning (2) :—

My Answer—To y^e Revd M^r Sudell.

S^r. Our Churchwarden y^t told You I desired an Exchange, was (I believe) more desirous of it yⁿ I : However if I were in health, I sho'd be glad enough to change steeples y^e next Sunday : but my present Indisposition will (I doubt not) be my Excuse. I am indeed not fit to preach any where, and if I find not some help speedily I must be forced to be a Silent Minister but Y^r humble Serv^t T.B. Leverpool. Friday-evening. (2) :—

To W^m Harrison. y^e 2^o.

W^m. My Occasions require money and gō I desire You wo'd bring me some y^s day or to morrow ; and I think it wo'd be convenient to consider accounts y^t I may reckon wth y^e Parson e'r he be gone. I design to wait on him on Thursday, and if I see you not before, I must try to get Supplies from him. This is from Y^r Friend T.B.

Next day W^m came and pd me 4[£] 2^s. At night M^r Smith brought from Leverpool y^e following letters.

Loving son. I have received two letters from You, But whereas You wrot in y^r former y^t You had been troubled wth some cold distempers, and a pain at y^r breast, but y^t you were better ; but now wⁿ y^r 2^d comes, we perceive y^t you are worse. I suppose you have done y^r self hurt by preaching too long wth an empty Stomac. I can speak by experience y^t emptiness of meat is bad for y^e health of y^e body. There was a man y^t did preach at Melling church, by long preaching on an Empty Stomac brought his body out of Order. Therefore I advise You to take some meat in y^e morning before you preach, for y^t is for y^e good of y^r body. We are much troubled at your distemper, and if you would have y^r Mother to come to You, she will come to you wth Gods Assistance : Or if you please to come hither, you shall want nothing y^t we can do for you, and gō let us Know w^t you would have done, and how you are in health ; For y^e D^r might have told you y^t you had gotten y^e pain at y^r Breast as they told y^e Melling man wth preaching on an Empty Stomac. And if you would have me to come, I will come God Assisting me, and let us Know how y^r case is wth you as shortly as possible you can for we shall be uneasy until

we be satisfied. This is all at present from y^r Parents J : M : Brookbanke. Witherslack. April 12. 1703.

For the reverend Tho: Brookbanke at Sephton.

Cloughton Ap. 18. 1703. S^r. Y^{rs} I received last Monday at night, w^{ch} hath caused me to be very melancholy ever since, for I am tempted to think you will say to y^e best, and I desire to Know how you fed y^r self, since you took y^r Physic, and I wish you wo'd resolve to come and take a little of our Air, for I fancy it wo'd agree very well wth y^r Temper ; You may assure y^r Self You may be very Welcom, and w^t ever lies in my power to serve you in shall not be wanting if you please to accept of so mean a serv^t. Pray return me y^r answer y^e first Post, for if You continue ill, and do not resolve to come over, You will have a visit pd very shortly by a special friend y^t wishes y^r happiness. Upon 29 of March Brother and Unkle made y^e Conclusion You desired to Know of, but I have not seen Brother yet, so I cannot give You a perfect account how ; neither would I trouble you wth it except I Know y^s letter wo'd find you in better health, yⁿ Y^{rs} left You in, I pray God y^t it may, y^t y^r next letter may afford me some little hope of y^r recovery, for these are every one worse yⁿ other. This is all from y^r loving Friend and humble Servant Eliz: Whittingham.

My Answers. To my Father.

Sephton Ap. y^e 23. 1703. S^r. This is y^e first Post day after my Receipt of Y^{rs} and gō y^e first opportunity I had of answering it, w^t makes me so quickly send you y^s is to satisfy you of my Recovery, y^e sooner to ease y^r mind about me. I thank God at present I am almost devoid of Pain. The D^{rs} Prescriptions (I believe) have done me good, w^{ch} I yet follow in takeing some Potions & Diet drink he thinks proper for me. Yesterday I dined at Walton wth y^e Parson, who (wth his Lady and Others) was for London y^e Next week. He goes to seek relief for y^e Stone or gravel w^{ch} has tormented him now above a year. M^r Marsden dined wth us and was desiring me to accompany him into y^e North y^s Summer, w^{ch} I shall be willing to do. At present he has some feeling of y^e Gout, but I hope it will soon wear off. Pray, S^r give my Duty & service to w^m due, and Accept y^e same from y^r dutifull Son & serv^t T.B.

To M^{rs} Whittingham. id.

M^{rs} Betty. To divert y^r Melancholy, I can tell you I am now as well as I have been y^s long Time : The D^r has had a tryall of skill wth my distemper, and if I either hold on or mend, I hope to see you e^r long. I am much obliged to you for y^r Kind offer of service and concern for me, but Know not how to leave y^s place, except I had greater Occasion yⁿ I think I have. Sephton is pleasant enough in Summer, but exceeding wet and dirty in Winter, y^e Air thick and moist, and as such not very agreeable wth my constitution. Among other Things y^e D^r has advised me to take Tobacco, to carry off ill humours and I am begun very moderately to follow his directions at bedtime, Perhaps it may do me good, and

I am considering 'tis better to have breath stinking of Tobacco yⁿ no breath at all. Continue you in health, & I shall be y^e sooner well. Give my Service to y^r Family and other Friends as You think fit, for w^t is mine is at Y^r Disposall, Since I am Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

The Answer came to me May y^e 25^o.

Claughton May 24. 1703. S^r. Y^r last made good haste, and y^e Newes it brought me was very acceptable, and I hope by y^s Time you are in perfect health. The reason y^t I did not write before now, I thought to write no more till I had seen you because in y^r last you said you hoped to see me e^r long; and if You do think to come over I desire you in y^r next, you wo^d let me Know when you do intend to come, for if I Know I shall be sure to be at home, but for y^r letter I had been gone to my sister,¹ she sent her son y^e last Tuesday, but I will not go till you have been over, or y^r answer y^t you do not expect to come: So wⁿ I Know I shall observe to do w^t you desire me, so I conclude wth my humble service to y^r self Eliz Whittingham.

May y^e last I took a journey north ward and return'd June y^e 4^o. and sent these letters to acquaint my Friends of my safe arrival.

To M^{rs} Mary Brookbanke To be left wth y^e Worshipfull y^e Maior of Kendale.

S. June y^e 8^o. 03. Dear Mother. By this You'l Know I am got safe home, and in pretty good health. That day I left you was very favourable, much better yⁿ like. As I went over y^e Bridge I look'd for y^e Strange Fish you talk'd off, and there I saw it, and left it to travail over I Know not w^t you cal't Holme to 'th' fell side, & so to y^e sand, w^{ch} I cross'd in good time, and was at Lancaster by 9 a clock. There I staid to dine wth M^r Dawson (wth w^m & M^r Knipe M^r Cook &c. I dined as I came before to see you). He was going for London, so y^t I had his Company to below Garstang where I lodged wth my Friend Whittingham. Next day about 10 a clock I mounted and came to y^s place about 7. Since my return one of my Neighbours brought me a load of Coals, w^{ch} is a present worth 3^s 6^d. This, wth Duty to y^r self Father &c is from Y^r Dutifull son & serv^t T.B.

To M^{rs} Whittingham.

S. June y^e 8. Plain Betty. You Know y^e reason why I call you so and gō will not take it amiss: or if You sho'd, I am now out of y^e reach both of y^r Tongue and hands, so y^t I need not much fear either. I am got very safe to y^s place, where They thought y. had lost me, and had been sending out to see if any Newes co'd be heard of me. I staid too long wth you to go over at y^e ford for y^e flood was rouling up wⁿ I came to Ribble, but y^e boat was ready, and quickly wafted me Over. I Know nothing more to acquaint You wth but y^t I am well and Y^r Serv^t T.B. My Service to w^m you please.

¹ Ellen Whittingham, wife of Will. Chippendale of Bashall.

Her answer came to me y^e 24^o.

Claughton June 20. 1703. S^r. I received y^r plain Letter and did not at all take it amiss, but was glad to hear you are got well home, and so are all y^r Friends. I saw Jenny y^e Last Thursday at Garstang, and she was sorry y^t she had not y^e fortune to see You, but she desired me to give her service to you, and was much obliged to you for calling. I am not for going to Brothers y^s 3 weeks, so when You please You may answer y^s, and if I do go I will send you y^e other Letter just wⁿ I go, and yⁿ I hope I shall have sent all you desired me to send. And if you design to see my Uncle at y^r next coming over, and wo^d have my Father to go wth you, I think in y^r next (if You think fit) you may inclose a line or two to let him Know before, for it will be a very busy both for hey and Turf; So if he Know before he may fore cast for it, and perhaps he will let me Know whether he can or not, and yⁿ I shall acquaint You in my next. This is all from y^r humble serv^t W.E. [*sic* : for E.W.].

To y^e Revnd M^r Brookbank at Sephton.

Leverple June 24th 1703. S^r. I intreat you to Exchange wth me on Sunday next I. E. to come to Leverpoole, and I will be at Sephton, if you please to comply wth y^s, I shall own it as a great favour done to y^r Serv^t and Bro^r Rob^t Styth.¹

After y^s M^r Marsden took me wth him as an Assistant into y^e North: In my return I went to see M^r Turnley w^{ch} was partly y^e occasion of y^s To M^{rs} Whittingham.

Sep. July 17. 1703. Betty. I came to y^s place on Friday from y^e Cross Keyes in Blackburn. W^t Success we had y^e day before, if y^r Father has not told you, you may now Know y^t from Harrad ² we sent for Unkle, but he was too busy in his hey to come to us, g^o we rid to him. His Wife was gone to Weeming ³ houses wth her Chaplain ⁴ I suppose, & for ought I Know had taken y^e Cellar wth her, for we co^d get no drink: We exchanged but a few words y^e sum of w^{ch} was y^t y^r Bro. Estate sho^d be settled on you at y^e rate of 700^l, you paying Unkle 500^l. out And to effect y^s I am sometime after y^e Assizes to Consult M^r Whitehead about it, and if I Knew wⁿ you wo^d be at Preston, y^t sho^d be y^e time: upon y^s Consult we are to meet to make an end of y^e Matter. If You have any advice to give me about y^s affair, 'twill oblige Y^{rs} T.B.

¹ Curate of St. Nicholas' Chapel, Liverpool, from 1688, and Rector from 1699. See *V.C.H. Lancs.*, iv., 45, 46, 55; and Fishwick's *Garstang*, p. 185.

² *i.e.* Great Harwood, 5 miles E. of Blackburn.

³ Wymondhouses is a farm in Pendleton, bought by the Rev. Thomas Jolly (1629-1703), after his ejection from Altham, in 1662. He set up a Non-Conformist meeting there (apparently in connection with a similar congregation at Sparth), and was succeeded by a nephew John Jolly (who died in 1725). See *Jolly's Note Book* (C.S., Vol. 33, N.S.), and *History of Clayton-le-Moors* (C.S., Vol. 85, N.S.).

⁴ Probably Rev. John Jolly. See *History of Clayton-le-Moors*, as above.

To Rob^t Curwen.

Rob^t. The inclosed You are desired to keep till some body calls for it, and by so doing you will oblige y^r Friend and serv^t T.B.

To my Father

July 19 1703. S^r. I am safe return'd to this place, and in my way hither, I went to see M^r Turnley y^e Girls Uncle, y^t I have sometime Kept company wth. He offers me an Estate wth her worth (as he sayes) 700^l. out of w^{ch} I must pay him 500^l. I am unwilling to meddle wth such a business, y^t is like to lay such a burthen on me, yet in hopes of his further Kindness I am partly encouraged to undertake it. We are to have a meeting about it e^r long, and w^t y^e Conclusion is you shall hear as soon as I can tell you. Give my Duty to M^r & all Friends, & accept y^e same from Y^r dutifull Son & Serv^t T.B.

The following letter came on Sunday at noon by a special messenger.

Formby. Worthy Sir with grief I now write unto you whereas as it hath pleased God to call for one of my children y^e last night, and my M^r¹ being at Liverpool preaching y^e Minister of Kirkbie² came to day about 10 of y^e clock to supply our chappel, whom not willing to return from Alcar³ [?] y^s afternoon I am in a strait, whom I make bold to You for y^e Lords sake to come and read y^e order for the burial &c. I will satisfie you for y^r pains. Good S^r be pleased to give me y^r answer by this bearer &c. In y^e mean time I am bound to be obliged to you for y^r former Kindness, who am y^r humble Serv^t. Thomas Sutton, Clerk. July 18th 1703.

At Liverpool July y^e last I received y^s following Letter.

Bashel⁴ 26 day 1703. S^r. Upon y^e 25 day I received y^r letter, and by y^e same bearer return you this, and I am glad to hear you are got home, but cannot tell w^t counsel to give You in it, but I hope wⁿ You see y^e writings and take advice upon y^e business, I hope you will take care to be on a sure ground, and if I can Know any thing, you may be sure I shall acquaint You wth it wⁿ wee meet. I shall come to Preston after y^e Assizes be over, but you Know not wⁿ y. begin, but I hope I shall Know wⁿ they are ended. Wⁿ I do come to Preston I will send you a letter, and since it happens y^t You are to conclude of y^t business I wish y^t you w^d take it into Consideration to let us make an end of our⁵. I think it would be as fit an Opportunity as we can have, if you think fit and do resolve y^t we must. I desire y^t you will let me Know by a line or two, and I shall

¹ Timothy Ellison was incumbent of Formby from 1702 to 1723. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

² Peter Becket, 1696-1723. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

³ Altcar, in the parish of Halsall; it adjoins Sefton on the north.

⁴ *i.e.* Bashall.

⁵ *Sic.* "ours" or "our business."

let you Know how it will come safe to me. if you send it to be at Preston y^e 7 day of August my sister will be at Preston y^t day, You may direct it for my Br. to be left wth Catrine Usherwood at M^r Revels Grosser in Preston. Bro & Sis give y^{tr} service to You. So y^s is all from y^r ever loving Serv^t E.W.

This I immediately answer'd agreeable to y^e desires of w^t proceedes, intimating with all, y^t I thought my self not in a very fit Condition for a Bridegroom, so long as my Distemper hang'd on me. I directed it according to order.

The Answer to y^s I had Aug. y^e 22^d and it was as Followes.

Bashel August y^e 17 day 03. S^r. Yours of y^e last of July I had, and by this you may please to Know, y^e 24th day or before I shall be at Preston, and stay about a week, so if you please to do according to y^r former letters, yⁿ is y^e time y^t I shall be there. So I shall not tire y^r patience wth over long a Letter, but leave it to y^r Self to do as you are dispos'd, and if you do come to Preston they can give you account where I am at y^e Black Bull. So y^s is all I shall trouble you wth from me E.W.

This y^t followes I had Aug. 22. y^e afternoon.

Reverend Sir. Having some Yorkshire friends to come over y^s next weeke, and they being both desirous to heare me preach who hath beene theire old Pastor, and to see y^e Towne and Congregation of Liverpooles, I would desire You to preach att Formby & Altcar, upon Sunday seven-night, w^{ch} will be y^e 29^o of August, & y^e 14th Sunday after Trinity, and y^e Reverend M^r Atherton will preach at Seafton both parts of y^e day, pray do me y^s Favour. I desire Your answer by my old friend and Acquaintance M^r Ri^{ch} Rose, I shall call for it, either upon Wednesday in y^e morning or evening. If y^s Exchange will consist wth your convenience, pray dine at John Livesless in Altcar. This is all from youre Affectionate Friend & brother in y^e work of our Lord Timothy Ellisone.* Aug. 21, 1703.

My Answer.

S^r. Business calls me hence to Preston y^e latter end of y^s week, whence I shall not return (I think) before Saturday. In y^t (I believe) I shall be very unfit to stir abroad on Sunday Morning. This is g^o to desire You not to be offended if I do not comply wth y^r Request since I cannot wth my own Convenience. I am S^r Y^r h^uble serv^t T.B.

Cos Rowland Tatham having business to Leverpool my Father sent y^e following letter by him w^{ch} he brought to Sephton & left it at Smiths I not being at home y^e 23^d day

Loving Son. I received yours wherin I understand y^t You got well home, wherof I am glad, but should be more glad to hear of y^r health therefore I desire You to let me understand how Your Distemper deales wth You. Here at Witherslack was lately M^r Bird and his son John Bird

a Student in Law who asked earnestly after You, and desired me when I saw You, or wrote to You to remember him to You, who is come into y^e Country for his health's sake for he spittes blood and is farre out of order. We are well blessed be God for it; Y^r Cousin Tatham having an Occasion to Leverpole and resolved to see You and I being at Kirkby thought fit to write to You. This is all at present from y^r dear Father John Brookbanke. Kirkby Lonsdale August 19th.

The 24th I rid to Leverpole to see Cos Tatham, & on y^e 25th he called on me at Sephton, and I accompanied him to Preston to see E. W. where I sho'd have consulted M^r Whitehead about Horse-heigh,¹ but I understood, there was no occasion: Thence I rid to Sparth to see M^r Turnley, & on y^e 28 I return'd to Sephton & writ w^t follows. To my Father

y^e 30. 03. S^r. Cos Tatham call'd to see me at Sephton, but I was y^t day at Walton & saw him not. y^r letter he left for me, and I was glad by it to understand you were well. As for my self I cannot say I am altogether well, for I have some little pain upon me now and yⁿ, but I spit no blood, and my Distemper is not so troublesome as it has been. I accompanied Cos T.² to Preston in his Return about y^e old business, but w^t y^e Conclusion will be I cannot yet tell. Please to give my Duty and Service to all y^t may expect y^m especially to Mother and accept y^e same from Y^r dutifull Son & Serv^t T.B.

To M^{rs} E. Whittingham.

30. 03. Betty, Since I saw you I have had y^e dust well wash'd of my coat: The day I left you prov'd bad enough, I was forc'd to take up at Blackburn, where I staid 2 or 3 hours, yⁿ I took horse for Sparth, where y^e M^r & M^{rs} were gone to Wiming houses: I staid there half an hour, and thence remov'd to Harrad³ where I lodged. In y^e morning I return'd to Sparth, and was treated wth a great many fair words, but had no assurance of any thing. All I got was a Cup of drink and a promise y^t as soon as y^e Affaires were settled I sho'd hear from y^m and y^t they thought wo'd be wthin a week. So I left y^m, and was wet to y^e skin before I reach'd Blackburn; I staid there to refresh me till 2 a clock, and after y^t came to lodge at Leland.⁴ Next day I came to Ormskirk fair, & thence hither. So much for y^e Journey: But w^t to say to y^e Next I Know not. A month? But why exactly a Month? Will y^r pretty sweet faced boy stay for an answer, but just till Michaelmas? Or will y^r Patience then be at its utmost stretch? Or ——— There must be some Reason not to be Known by me. I will not pretend to divine W^t it is, but must conclude it a strong one if you continue resolved y^t no Arguments shall move you. I shall Shortly perceive whether words be more yⁿ Wind, and I sho'd think it as much your concern as mine to have some Assurance more yⁿ Verbal

¹ A farm in Bashall; it eventually was inherited by Thomas Brookbank.

² Tatham. ³ *i.e.* Great Harwood, about a mile from Sparth.

⁴ *i.e.* Leyland, about 5 miles S. of Preston.

of an Uncles Kindness. I am ready to comply wth any thing y^{rs} reasonable, and co'd wish y^r haste may not cast us upon somew^t Disadvantagious. In all y^s while [I] flatter my self wth y^e best place in y^r Affections, but if I mistake, and some other be preferr'd, Let me Know so much and I shall put it on y^e file of my Misfortunes w^{thout} complaining of you, or wishing you any thing worse yⁿ as much happiness as y^r self can desire. Do well for y^r Self, and I hope it will not be ill for me. I pray God to direct us both in y^s and Every thing else, and so guide us by his Counsel y^t (w^t ever we be in y^s) we may be happy together in an other World This is y^e Prayer of Y^r Sincere Friend & serv^t T.B.

The following Answer I had at Leverpool Sep. 18.

Claughton Sep. y^e 12th day. S^r. I am sorry to hear of y^e ill Success you had in y^r Journey and co'd wish it lay in my power to help it. But I am in y^e same mind you left me in for if things cannot be concluded on before Michaelmass I do not expect they will hereafter to y^r mind, so y^e fault being in my Friends I am willing to bear y^e Cross wth as much Patience as he y^t layes it upon me will enable me to do, for I do not desire you to comply to me in y^e least, neither wo'd I have you to do anything to y^r disadvantage. And if you be affraid of so many Inconveniences attending us by coming to a conclusion at Michaelmass, it is time for us both to see into our Folly. I am sorry y^t we are come to our Age and to have so little wit as to pass on our time so long and at y^e last to make children of ourselves. You need not think you have y^e best place in my Affections, for you have all my heart, and there is no other in my Thoughts, but now I have cause to wish I had Kept it nearer my self, or bestowed it where it might have been better accepted on. So in y^r next I desire you to resolve me, and if it be so y^t we must part I design to take a little Journey til I have got some of my Trouble over. If y^r business will allow You time I wish you wo'd let me have y^r answer y^e first Post day after you have y^s So y^s is all from y^r most obedient Serv^t til one week after Michaelmass if you please to accept if not I must endeavour to become my own, and y^t will seem hard for me to do, and if I Know when my Troubles was at y^e worst yⁿ I shall live in hopes of mends.

My Answer

Leverp. Sep. 18. 1703. Betty, Just now at y^s Town I met wth Y^{rs} and thus briefly answer it: If you are w^t You tell me, I shall do w^t you wo'd have me, and shall I hope see you before the first week after Michaelmass be past. I pry not into y^r Reasons for y^t time so punctually, nor accuse you for calling us children, but intend (if no cross accident intervene) to wait upon you, and if possible satisfie you y^t I am Y^{rs} Sincerely T.B.

W^t followes was brought me in y^e 24th y^e forenoon by a speciall Messenger.

S^r. Having a matter to impart to You y^t may be for y^r advantage, I intreat y^r Company at my house today or tomorrow morning. I am S^r Y^r humble Serv^t Thomas Marsden.

The business was concerning Mr Case's¹ son as I understood y^e afternoon wⁿ I waited upon him at Walton. On Sunday Margery Bradley brought me y^e next.

Sparth Sept. y^e 21. 1703. Sir. I have delayed writing til I am indeed ashamed and to y^s day cannot say I have made any more end wth Cosin Chippendale² yⁿ wⁿ you were here. I gladly wo'd have had a meeting wth y^m before I had writ to You, they having given hopes in promising to meet at Whalley, but yet all I meet wth is delays. as to y^t I can give you no further account yⁿ w^t I have done : This is to desire You to let me Know w^t y^r³ are as to y^t matter we have been discoursing about, the writings are here, there is Mr Whalley⁴ an Attorney by us, and if You please to take a nights Lodging wth us and any friend of y^{rs} you shall be freely welcom. I sho'd rather chuse it yⁿ Preston, if y^t wo'd give you satisfaction as well, if not I shall endeavour to meet you as you appoint. He hath said they would meet us this week to my Wife, but I do expect no more but as he hath done. I fear Mr Whitehead not being at home, if we set a day and miss him it will be dissapointm^t both to you and me, y^s wth my Wife and my Service to you is from, S^r Y^r friend and serv^t Richard Turnley.

On y^e seventh of October I was married to Eliz. Whittingham at Broughton⁵ by Mr Woods⁶ and y^t night return'd to Sephton, whence I writ y^e following letters.

To M^r R : Turnley at Sparth. Octob^r y^e 12 (03). S^r. On Thursday y^e 7th instant I married y^r Neece Whittingham, and by y^s I begg y^r Blessing & Prayers for us both : I Know not well how to answer this to my Father who expected Money or Assurance of some : however you may be hereby satisfied y^t I have great Confidence of y^r good Will, & love to Her. Y^{rs} I received some 10 dayes since, and thank you for it, and am willing to comply wth w^t ever you shall think fit. Perhaps about a Month hence I may go see my Wife at her Father's, and both of us wait upon you : or if there be need of my Presence before, if You'l please to intimate so much in two lines directed as before, it will probably bring me sooner. I need not tell you w^t Occasion Beginners have of ready money, a little wo'd do y^m great service ; neither do I say y^s to put you to y^e least Inconvenience. If we cannot do as we would, we shall I hope be contented wth w^t we can

¹ Jonathan Case of Red Hazels in Huyton (*b.* 1653), married Elizabeth, dau. and h. of Edward Ogle of Whiston, co. Lancs., and had a son Thomas.

² "Cosin" Chippendale is William C. of Bashall, who married Ellen, sister of Elizabeth Whittingham.

³ A blank in MS. here.

⁴ Thomas Whalley of Nearer Sparth (which adjoins Further Sparth, the property of Richard Turnley), ancestor of the Whalleys of Clerk Hill (in Whalley), etc.

⁵ A parish, etc., about 5 miles N. of Preston.

⁶ William Woods occurs as incumbent of Broughton, 1674, and continued till his death 1720-1. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

do. This wth Duty to y^r self & my new Aunt (whose Blessing & Prayers I also begg) concludes from S^r Y^r Nephew & serv^t T.B.

enclosed in y^s.

To M^{rs} Cottam Flax seller in Preston. M^{rs} Cottam, Pardon y^s boldness in a stranger, and be pleas'd to send y^e enclosed as directed y^e first Opportunity, and thereby oblige Y^r unknown but unfeigned Friend T.B.

To M^{rs} E. B. id.

My Dear, I got hither in good time on Thursday, and am pretty well after my Journey, and do not yet repent of w^t I have done. I have been joy'd since my Return, and took't in good part, but wo'd not satisfy y^e curious Enquirers. 'Til death us do part! I cannot but think of y^e bargain we have been making, and wo'd have us both to make it as good a one as we can: The only way is to be good our selves, and yⁿ w^t ever betides us will be for good. Now you are mine I wo'd have you take a little more care of y^r Self for my sake, and doubt not but y^r Necessities shal be supplied thô F. or Uncle sho'd forget you. It will not be long I hope y^t we shall be parted; in y^e mean time we sho'd think of y^e many footed Monster house-Keeping, and be providing Somew^t for it: But y^r first care sho'd be to put y^r self into hansom attire. Wⁿ You come here you'll be nicely Observ'd, and sho'd be arm'd against y^e critical Eyes & Tongues especially of y^r own Sex. I wo'd have you get two suits of Cloaths, one at least pretty fine; 'twill be time enough wⁿ You come here to go into mourning bec. you are a poor Curates Wife. I have been just writing to Uncle, and told him how matters are, and y^t in a months time we may perhaps see him. I am writing also to my Father, and expect a little Vinegar in his Answer, but I can appease y^e good old Man, and all will be well. My duty to F. & M^r and w^t you will to y^r Self concludes from Y^{rs} T.B.

To my Father.

Seph. Octob. 12. 1703. S^r. Last Thursday at Broughton by Preston I was married & crave y^r Blessing & prayers for me & my Wife. She return'd to her Fathers and will not be wth me here (I think) before Christmas. But yⁿ or Soon after (if all do well) we shall probably begin house. We shall want many Things, and cannot expect to be supplied by You, but if Mother (to w^m pray give my duty) co'd meet wth any good Bedding or other things suitable for us they might all most any month be got to Leverpool from Grange. I co'd wish for a dozen of Jo: Taylors best chairs, wth high backs & upright railles, if he make any such. My Friend M^r Marsden has prevail'd wth me to take into y^e house an other Young G. Man besides y^e D^{rs} Son,¹ 'Tis one M^r Case. His Father is Justice of Peace & will (I doubt not) pay me well. If I were once set in house I believe I sho'd have more. 7 or 8^l is y^e board wth my Landlady & at least ½ as much my Reward. I must not forget M^r Marsdens Juniper berries, & I

¹ Dr. John Tarleton of Liverpool had two sons, Thomas (b. 1680), and Edward. (Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1906.)

hope my Mother has not forgot y^m. If y. be not sent away yet, pray take care to get them to y^e Sun in Lancaster directed for M^r Marsden at Walton and let me Know w^t y^e cost & I shall be paid for y^m Y^r answer to this will be very acceptable to y^r ever obedient Son & serv^t T.B.

These letters I put into y^e Post office at Liverpool y^e same day, and at my Return found a young gentleman who gave me w^t Followes.

Redhasels ii Octob^{er} 1703. S^r. I have made bold to send you my Son this morning and begg you'l please to favour me in taking him into y^r Care and desire you'l accept y^e small token enclosed [it was a Guinea] had not I been obliged to attend y^e Sessions at Wigan I would have waited of you my self, but will not faile to see You ere long, and in y^e mean time begg pardon for y^s Trouble, who am S^r Y^r humble Servant Joⁿ Case.

On y^e 15th there was a Race on Aughton¹ Moss from whence John Wilson brought me y^e following note.

Melling² Oct^r y^e 15. 03. S^r. I desire You to stop y^e Asking³ w^{ch} You publish'd y^e last Lords day, and to proceed no farther in it, for I am resolved y^t I will never marry him, of w^{ch} You are desired to take notice, from y^r Loving Friend Ann Johnson.

The same evening James Kellet brought me some Juniper berries, wth y^s Letter.

Loving Son. I had y^r letter since Rowland Tatham came from you. And now having y^e like Opportunity by James Kellet who hath Occasion into y^r Country, send this by him to enquire of y^r health, w^{ch} I much desire to hear of, therefore pray send me word how y^r Infirmary yet dealeth wth you, whether y^e pain at y^r breast ceases, or how it is wth You? We all are well blessed be God for it; Edward Strickland hath a son; And wth James Kellet I have Sent a small packet of Berries for M^r Marsden, and wo'd have sent more if they co'd have been gotten, but they were very Scant this year. This is all at present from y^r Parents J M Brookbanke. Witherslack Octob. y^e 13th 1703.

My Answer by Ja: Kellet

Septon. Octob. 16. 1703. S^r. Last night James Kellet lodged wth me, and gave me y^r Letter wth y^e berries for M^r Marsden, and told me you were well, w^{ch} was most acceptable. As for my own health, (if You have received my Letter of y^e 12th instant) You'l think 'tis good, and I thank God 'tis better yⁿ w^t it has been, yet I have sometimes a Remembrance of Pain to put me in Mind w^t I am. I add no More but Duty & service to Mother & w^r else due, and remain Y^r ever obedient son & serv^t T.B.

¹ Aughton is about 3 miles S.W. of Ormskirk.

² Melling is a township in the Parish of Halsall, about 5 miles S. of Ormskirk.

³ "Asking" is vernacular for publishing of Banns.

This to Mr Marsden by J. Wilson.

Oct. 16. 1703. S^r. I perceive Juniper berries have been very scarce y^s year in Witherslack, for y^e small parcel y^t the bearer will give You, are all y^t co'd be got. My Father sent me them by a Neighbour, who was wth me last night, and tells me there will probably be great plenty y^e next year. I am ashamed of my promise since y^e Performance is so mean, but you wil please to believe, 'tis want of Power not Will y^t makes me fall short, since you may perswade y^r self y^t I am S^r humble serv^t TB. My Sarvice to y^r Family.

This y^t followes I had on Friday morning. y^e 29^o.

Claughton, Octob. 24th day. My Dear, Y^{rs} I had not til Thursday last w^{ch} made me very uneasy, but now y^t I Know it I am glad to hear of y^r health and safe return. I have been at Preston, and have bought one sute of Cloaths y^t I hope will please you, and now I shall begin to spin for I have got 2 stone of flax, and wⁿ you come we shall conclude about having an other suit, but if you please to let these serve this Winter, and at y^e Spring it is y^e better time for to have y^m, but w^t is y^r Will is mine, & I hope ever shall be my care to make you easy as lies in my power, for you shall ever find me faithfull and Obedient, so long as it shall please God to spare our lives together. You say y^t you will see my Unkle e^r long, but before You do go to him I w^od have You to have a little discourse wth Brother, for he hath sent me a chiding letter, as I shall let you see Wⁿ you come. I have got y^e Joying over, for every one Knew in 3 dayes but Mr Richmond never got hold of me yet, but I was wth Jany and she told me y^t he was not angry at all, but if we had gone then, he ordered her to get us a dinner, and said we must have staid all day wth him. It is well if You can read it for I am almost blind wth writing by Candle light, and all our family is in bed but me. So y^s is all from y^r own dear. El. Br.

The following letter I received Nov. 4. at Liverpool.

Loving son, We are well pleas'd and content wth y^r last Newes, and we wish You much Joy and Comfort of y^r Marriage, and desire in all our prayers God to bless you both, and to pour upon You both y^e riches of his grace and sanctifie you both y^t you may please him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto y^r lives End, and to inherit everlasting life in Heaven where there is fulness of Joy and pleasures for Evermore. We have spoken to Jo. Taylor about y^e Chaires, and he desires to Know whether the back rails must be round or square, whether coloured or not, (whether y^e backs must be streight or bended). He thinks if they be varnished here it will wash or rub off before they reach You. For brass & bedding we advise You to buy new and y^t will last, for you or we may buy at sales w^{ch} may seem new, yet be half worn and wⁿ you come over, God willing, we will give you Something to pay for y^m wth w^{ch} will be better to carry. This (wth our blessing, & prayers unto God for you both) is all at present, from y^r tender hearted parents til Death John Brookbank & Mary Brookbank. Witherslack Octob. y^e 30. 03.

I had y^s letter also by James Kellet.

My Answer To my Father

Septon Nov. y^e 15^o. 03. S^r. Y^{rs} I had y^e 4th and thank You for it, since w^{ch} time I have been to see my Wife, who is well, and has her ——— [*illegible* : ? love] & service given to you both ; I think it will be Candlemas e'r she come to me, & perhaps before yⁿ we may see you at Witherslack. Please to bid Jo: Taylor make y^e Chaires according to y^e best of his skil, and I doubt not but y.^l be well enough. If y^e colour sho'd rub off, I can possibly put it on again. Feathers are dear here, so y^t if Mother co'd meet wth any good ones it wo'd do well. If you think it convenient to send us y^t great pan w^{ch} was Grandfathers, or any thing Else, they will come speedily from y^e Grange. Some of T. Powrs [?] Trenchers or other wooden ware wo'd do wel, if one co'd get y^m wth out begging, but I leave these things to y^r self, and rest y^r Dutifull Son & Serv^t. T.B.

To my Wife. id.

Betty, I repent not y^t I took homewards on Thursday, for if I had visited Yorkshire y^t day, I sho'd have been in danger of drowning y^e next. I got hither about 6. a clock a little wet and weary, wanting you to refresh me. I have inclosed in y^s a letter to uncle, w^{ch} if you think fit you may at y^e first opportunity convey to him. You see in it y^t I design to wait on him y^e 14th of Dec. and may thence conclude I Intend to be at Brothers y^e 13th. If this time please you not, you'l appoint an other, in y^r next w^{ch} I shall endeavour to observe ; Give Duty to Father & Mother, but give not from y^r Self Y^r T.B.

To Uncle Turnley

Sept. Nov. 16. 03. S^r. The last week I was on my way as far as Westfield to have waited on you, but y^e weather proving unseasonable I return'd hither, but now design (if God permit me) to wait on you y^e 14th of y^e next month. My wife tells me bro. Will. is very unwilling y^t I sho'd have any thing to do wth his Estate, and g^o I am desirous to see & discourse him a little, & try if fair means will do. I hope y^e best, and think it prudent not to use Extreimity till their be necessity. I received a Letter I suppose from my Aunt, 'tis subscrib'd Agnes Turnlay, but she calls me brother, & speakes of Matters y^t I am an utter stranger to ; This makes me think there has been some mistake in y^e Direction, and I have received w^t belongs to an other. If you have any thing you wo'd have me to Know, please to write again & I hope it will reach me. I am (wth Duty to y^r self and Aunt) S^r Y^r obliged Nephew & Serv^t T.B.

Nov. y^e 29 I received at Liverpool y^s y^t Followes.

Claughton, Nov. 26. 03. My Dear. I had y^{rs} y^e 20th day, and I am glad to hear y^t you are safe at y^r Journey's End, and shall do my best to send Uncle his. I shall not appoint any other, for y^r time is mine ; I shall observe to be at brothers to meet you y^e 13th of y^e next Month, if God spare me life and health, hoping you will do y^e Same. M^r Richmond

is on y^r Side, if you happen to see him, pray send me word how you do, for I am allwayes affraid y^t you are out of health ; it will be some satisfaction for I shall not have any more letters before I see you. All our Family is in good health, and gives their service to You. So I conclude wth dear love and service—daily prayers for y^r health and safety, from Your own dear Bety Brookbanke.

On Sunday y^e 12 I received w^t follows.

Des. y^e 9 [? 7] : 1703. Dear Cosin. Yesterday I had y^{rs} my husband resaved it at Preston weare he is, I do not loock for him befor to morrow. I am somew^t uneasy at y^e cross directing of my Letters, y^e same day I had an answer from y^e Gentleman y^t had Y^{rs}. There is allwayes such Terms of freedom betwixt him and me, indeed in Some respects I might have called him Father, his Kindness to me hath been so great, but the main of y^e letter was y^e Concern of an other, or rather a joint concern of others y^t would make use of me to write for y^m. My husband is not a stranger to it but I am grieved upon account of my Friends, whom yet I have not acquainted wth my hap. I desire you will please to favour me wth the letter when you come here. We did wish you y^e blessing & Comfort of y^e new Relation but y^t came to an other hand, and did desire y^r company here, Y^r Unkle gave You some account y^t he had no hopes of doing any with cosin Chippendale, Indeed I can Say I have been as desirous y^t things might have been done wthout Extremity if it would have been but must say, I do despair of it, tho I have had my hopes, but have found y^m groundless. I may say I am sure with out breach of charity, w^t ever he sayes he takes no care to do it, but stil after all y^e means y^t we have been capable of using it hath been vain. I shall be glad if you may be made an Instrument to bring on y^e matter fairly tho we lose by it a great deal of Money as my husband hath offered. The Weather hath been such as hath given us Cause to Excuse You, but we have looked so long for you y^t now we will resolve to take You when You come. I hope you will bring Your wife wth You, tho You say nothing of it in y^r last. This wth love to you both is from y^r loving Aunt, Agnes Turnley.

I promised Unkle to be wth him y^e 14th, but it was y^e 15th e'r I got to Sparth where I and my wife staid two nights ; on y^e 17 I return'd to Sephton and on y^e 24th sent away the following letters.

For Mr Richard Turnley at Sparth. To be left wth Mr Giles Boughton in Blackburn.

Seph. Dec. y^e 24. 1703. S^r, I came to y^s place in good time y^e day I left You, and now return You by this my hearty Thanks for y^r Kind and free entertainm^t. I sho'd be very glad to hear of an amicable end of y^e business betwixt You and bro^r Chippendale, and will hope, (till I have reason to despair) y^t you are come to some final Resolution about it. But however y^t affair be managed, I sho'd take it as a Favour if you wo'd sometime please to oblige me wth a line or two ; For I cannot but have a concern in y^r Welfare, and y^e oftener I am inform'd of y^t y^e greater will be my satisfaction. This (wth Duty and Thanks to y^r Self & my Aunt, service

to Mr Jolly, & Love to Cosin Turnley) concludes from Y^r obliged Nephew & Serv^t T.B.

To Mr^s Eliz. Brookbanke at Westfield near Garstang.

Sep. Dec. 24. 1703. Betty. I reach'd Sephton about five a clock well and hearty, and since y^e 17th day I have been consulting y^e Almanac for a Conven^t time for an other Journey, but can pitch upon none as yet. I find holy days & Fast dayes come so thick, y^t I cannot tell how to be spared. I thought of y^e middle of y^e next month, but I hear of a fast day about y^t time, and Lent comes so soon after Candlemas y^t I cannot yet resolve wⁿ. However Expect me e'r long, and be in readiness for a Journey; The Doctor is come to our Parson, and I hear y^t He cut him on Wednesday: We must wait to Know y^e Issue of y^s for there may somew^t depend upon't. You'l return me an answer to y^s and rest satisfied in Y^e Affections of Y^r T.B. Duty & service to w^m due.

Mr Case sent his son again to me wth y^s Letter.

Redhasels 11 Januarii 1703. S^r. I have made bold to trouble you again wth my Son, and hope his Landlady will receive him at her board; I would have waited of You my Self but y^t publique business at present obliges me to be from home, therefore cannot get time til Monday Seven night, w^{ch} day I design to set apart to waite of You at Sephton, and in y^e mean time Wth Service Conclude S^r Y^r obliged friend and Serv^t Joⁿ Case.

My answer by y^e same Bearer.

Sephton Jan. y^e 13^o. 1703. S^r. Be pleased now at length to receive my humble and hearty thanks for y^r Token, and obliging letters by Y^r Son, and believe his short stay here proceeds not from any Unwillingness in me to serve either You or him. I Knew not till he came but he might have lived here as before, but now I find my Landlady resolved to Keep no Boarders; I have prevailed wth her to provide for me y^s Quarter, but she will no longer: so y^t I am in a manner forced to begin house my Self, w^{ch} I design as soon as I can get things in readiness, But y^s will not be til towards April I think. If yⁿ my Table and Inspection may be of use to y^r son You may co^mmand y^m and w^t ever else lies in y^e power of Y^r obliged humble serv^t T.B.

At Liverpool Jan. y^e 21st I received y^s.

Cloughton Jan. 7. 03. My Dear, Y^{rs} came to me y^e 4 day of y^s instant, and I thought it long in coming, but y^e Newes it brought was acceptable to me, and I wish You a happy new year, and a safe Journey when you set forward; but if You do not come til allmost Candlemas, pray let me have another Letter, for I long to Know how You have gotten X^{mas} over. Your Absence and long silence will make me for being satisfied. The cold I was beginning in wⁿ I was wth you did encrease upon me, and for one while I was not well, but I have left it where I got it. Bro. & Unkle never met since we was at y^e Cock, but he was as good as his word to me,

for he sent his son for me y^e Monday following, and upon saturday last he sent him wth me home, and they all give their service both at bro. & Unk., and here. This is all from y^r own dear B. Brookbank.

My Answer. To M^{rs} Eliz. Brookbank

Leverpool 21 Jan. 03. Betty, I have been in some pain to hear from You, and y^s stormy day I came to y^s place to seek for a Letter from you, where I found Y^{rs} w^{ch} was very acceptable. I am glad you are better of y^r cold and doubt not it will please you to tell you I have gotten X^{mas} over pretty well, but since I have had more business yⁿ I cared for. Wednesday was a fast day, and so will Munday Sevensnight, besides holy dayes &c. so y^t I cannot see you before Candlemas. We have had abundance of Stormy Weather, and y^e roads are very bad, but I hope y^l be better y^e week next after Candlemas, wⁿ I design to visit you, and (for ought I yet Know) continew my Journey to Witherslack. I am (wth love to you & duty to w^m due) Y^r T.B.

To my Father.

Leverpool 21. Jan. 1703. S^r. 'Tis now a long time since I had a line from You, w^{ch} makes me fear all's not well. I came y^s day to town Expecting a letter but found none from you. I thought to have been wth you before Candlemas but it will be at least a week after, before I can have Liberty. Our Parson was cut for y^e stone about 5 weekes since, and is pretty well recovered. I am (wth duty to y^r self M^r &c) Y^r obedient son & serv^t T.B.

To M^r Wearing *

Jan. y^e 24. S^r. Since I saw you I have been considering of y^e Fast day, and am now in mind to Keep it y^e 31st notwithstanding all lazy Reasons to y^e Contrary. I have had a letter y^t calls me into y^e North wth some haste, but I shall put off y^t Journey till y^e 2^d week in February; This Journey will cause me to be absent one Sunday w^{ch} will be y^e 13th day I believe, w^{ch} day if you'll please to supply at Sephton either in Person or Proxy, you will very much oblige S^r Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

His Answer :

Crosbie Jan. 26. 1703. S^r. I am not sorry y^t you consider to have y^e Fast day observed as 'tis appointed (y^e occasion whereof is sadly to be remembred) but I am sorry y^t you are like to need my supplying (in person or proxy) so soon. 'twill be y^e 10th of y^e next before I can well go to Ormskirk or Expect to see M^r Hunter. I was yesterday at Walton a visiting, I heard y^e clerk telling y^e Vicar, y^t M^r H^y Richmond would come thither on Friday, and supply on Sunday and Munday was thinking he may possibly stay so long, y^t he may be prevailed wth to officiate at Sephton in y^r Absence; especially if (as perhaps it may be wth y^r Convenience) y^t yⁿ supply yⁿ at Garstang: I hope (God willing) to see and hear you on Munday, unless the Weather be very foul, for then I shall perform something at our Chappel—I confide in your goodness to put no hard burden

(wthout great necessity) in him who is (S^r) Y^r weak Bro : & humble Serv^t John Waring.

My Reply.

Sephton Jan. 28. 03. S^r. I am indeed very unwilling to put you to y^e trouble of preaching here y^e 13th of y^e next, but I Know not w^m Else I can prevail wth. 'Tis not likely y^t M^r Richmond sho'd stay on y^s side so long, or if he sho'd, he wo'd be employ'd at Walton : Or if he were not, I co'd not yⁿ supply at Garstang for I must be in Westmorland y^t day. I wo'd gladly have you in person to officiate for me, but if y^t stands not wth y^r good liking, two lines from You to M^r Hunter. I doubt not wo'd bring him to Sephton. If You think y^t convenient, a letter might be convoied to him, and his answer return'd on Sunday from Maghul.¹ This wth service concludes from, S^r Y^r obliged Serv^t T.B.

I took my northern Journey y^e 6th of Feb, and return'd y^e 18th and y^e same night writ these two Letters.

To my Father

Feb. 18. 1703. S^r. The company You left me wth on Wednesday, took not leave of me before we came to Lancaster, and I believe a little matter wo'd have brought some of y^m farther : We parted between 3 & 4 a clock and came safe to Father Whittinghams about 7. I staid there two nights, and about 3 houres since came hither. My wife desired me to send our Duty jointly to you & M^r. and Thanks also to you both and all our Friends, Especially to our Fellow Travailleurs. This is from S^r Y^r dutifull Son & serv^t T.B.

To my Wife.

Betty, I lighted at y^e swan and sent for Jane (Thornton) who presently came and told me Alice Alston was in Yorkshire and wo'd not return til y^e first of March, but y^t she wo'd willingly stay wth her till about y^e, 10th wⁿ she will come hither. You'l contrive some way to send y^e goods e'r y^t time, I wish a Cart co'd be prevail'd wth for I think it might pass, and wo'd bring all at once. I am not desirous to preach at Garstang, but if M^r Hall seem earnest, and you think it Conven^t it must be y^e 19th of y^e Next, and yⁿ we must post away very early in y^e Morning to be at Ormskirk in good time. Or if you can think of a better way, let me Know it as speedily as may be. This wth Duty, Love, Service & Thanks to w^m due, concludes from y^r T.B.

On y^e 24th Mary [Bowman] Hodgson brought me the following Letter.

Loving Son, As Soon as y^s Letter comes to y^r hand send horse & Man to Liverpool to receive y^r goods, w^{ch} we have sent you by Edw. Turner of Grange. And if possible you can wth conveniencie go y^r Self,

¹ A village, etc., about 5 miles S.W. of Ormskirk.

Y^t you may satisfie y^e Shipman for his paines & care. We have sent you a bed y^e ticking is weak & old, but y^e feathers may do service, and in y^e bed 3 sheetes. The Reeking [?] — [illegible] up wth y^e sack, and also y^e map book, and an other poak wth a bing where Thomas Pow his Trenchers and other Things are. Keep all. And 15 chaires. Our Isabel would have some of y^e superfluous books w^{ch} some time You told of. This wth our blessing & daily prayers unto God for you & y^r Wife is all at present from Y^r Father & Mother J : M : Brookbanke Witherslack, Feb. 19th. 1703.

For Richard Helsby Glazier in Ormskirk.

Seph. March y^e 2^d. Richard. I want some of y^r assistance to put windowes in order, and g^o desire you to come hither y^s week or early of y^e next. If I see you not so soon I shall conclude you are too busy to work for me, and must be forced to imploy an other, for I am in great haste. I have old glass to make up, & shall want I believe 20 foot of new or more. This is from Y^r Friend T.B.

March y^e 3^d My wife sent some goods by a boy, & wth y^m y^s Letter.

Claughton March y^e 3^d. My Dear, Y^{rs} made good haste to me, and y^e reason y^t I did not write before [was] This boy being to come I thought it would serve. M^r Hall cannot come to Sephton, for just about y^t time his sister is for London, and he goes wth her to Chester, so you must resolve upon an other time and send me two lines by y^s boy w^t day You wil come on : Pray let it be as soon as You can. I desire you to take my woolling cloaths out of y^e box and hang y^m up in any place y^t is not dusty : for I long to see you My dear pray get y^e web of Cloth to y^e whitning as soon as you can, and send me y^e Inkle¹ y^t is about y^e white box. Pray let me Know w^t day You will send for Alice. So y^s is all from own Dear E.B.

My Answer.

March y^e 4th. Betty, Past eight last night I received y^r goods, and before I slept open'd y^m to see w^t harm y^e wet had done y^m. The Damage I believe is very little, w^t a pair of good hands a little soap & a few dry dayes will repair. M^r Hall you say is for Chester about y^e 19th. I wish him a good Journey, but think it not convenient to incommode our Selves out of a Complement to him : I Know no Necessity for my Preaching at Garstang, and I find I long not to appear again in y^t Pulpit ; Yet if nothing but a Preachment will serve, it will make you long to see me a whole week longer ; But I w^d have You to dispence wth y^s and let us be together at Sephton before y^t time. I leave y^s matter wholly to You, & will expect to Know y^r Resolves in y^e next from you. Alice I believe will come about y^e 10th but I shall not send for her, she is to come as she can, and I to pay for it. In y^e inclos'd to my Father you may write a line or two w^{ch} will be wel taken, *and so seal it & send it to y^e Post house wth 2^d.* If Leonard will take 18^d a yard for his Tick pray make a

¹ Inkle = broad linen tape. (*Century Dictionary.*)

bargain, we shall have occasion for Such an one. Wth Duty Love & Service to every body I conclude Y^r T.B.

To my Father

March. y^e 4th. S^r. On Tuesday y^e 22^d of Feb. my goods came to Leverp. on Thursday she y^t was Mary Bowman brought me y^r Letter, on Friday I went to seek after y^m, and wo'd have paid for Carriage, but Ned Turner wo'd take nothing, I only left 1^s with him for his boys. On Wednesday last a Neighbour brought y^m hither where I have y^m whole & sound. Ned Turner I believe has a Prick of Tobacco for you for I ordered him to get one. Last night some goods came to me from my Wife who will follow y^m e'r it be long. I Know not w^t Bookes Cos Isabel Means, If I did I wo'd have sent some. This in haste (wth Duty Love to M^r &c) concludes from S^r y^r Son & Serv^t. T.B.

On Monday y^e 6th I received y^s

Much Crosby, Mar: 6. 1703. S^r. I received yesternight y^e B^{ps}' L^r &c sent from Y^u or y^e Churchwardens, I understand not w^t y^u expect I should do in it: If it be only to put me on Contributing, I shall not defer long y^e Sending some small matter, thò not a few great losses and disappointments of Money have made, and Keep me in no small straits I do not apprehend y^t I am concern'd to read it in our Chappel; perhaps such a thing cannot be remembred to have been done there, and being little Probability of getting any thing for y^e Refugees by such publishing. Our Town is very needy of Money by their suit wth L^d Mull.¹ and in y^e forenoons our Congregation is very small, mostly consisting of women and children, we having then no Sermon; In y^e afternoons we are more company by y^e coming of some from y^e Ford ² and other near Villages, y^t go to y^e parish-Church in y^e forenoons. I desire a line from You, I am (in haste) S^r Y^r Serv^t J: Waring.

My Answer.

Sephton, Mar. y^e 7. 1703. S^r. Y^{rs} I had yesterday and in compliance wth y^r Desire send you this to let you understand w^t we (y^e Churchwardens & I) expect you sho'd do wth y^e B^{ps} L^r &c. We only expect you sho'd publish y^m & affectionately stir up y^r Auditors to a liberal Contribution according to y^r Abilities. We thought ourselves oblig'd to send you y^m because you preach to a Protestant Congregation, & bec. They are directed to you as well as to us. Y^r Town cannot be so needy of Money but that there may be in it some spare pence for so good a work as y^e relief of such oppress'd: And if y^r Forenoon's Congregation be but small, a Collection may be Made in y^e Afternoon. But I must leave y^e whole to y^r Self, desiring you to send y^e Papers, wⁿ you have done wth y^m to S^r Y^r Serv^t T.B.

¹ Sir William Molyneux, 4th Viscount Molyneux. The 1st Viscount had bought the manor of Gt. Crosby in 1625.

² Ford is a township adjoining Gt. Crosby.

To Wil^m. Harrison.

March y^e 11th. W^m. A little Money from you wo'd be very acceptable and sure 'tis time y^t Martins-Dues, and old Arreares sho'd be paid. If some day y^s week you wo'd bring Money & y^e book you receive by to hinder surmises, y^t you convert w^t you gather to y^r own use, you wo'd much oblige Y^r friend T.B.

On y^e 12th y^s came to me.

Cloughton Mar: 5. 03. My Dear. I had y^{rs} yesternight before it was dark but cannot tel you w^t a clock it was; and you leave it to me to resolve wⁿ to come, you may be sure, I think y^e sooner y^e better, So if you please to come y^e 13 of y^s month I am ready, wⁿ ever you please to come, I am glad y^e wet had done no more hurt, for I was much afraid it would have been Worse. So I shall expect You about y^t time, w^{ch} is all from y^r Dear E. Brookbanke.

The 14th I went to Westfield for my Wife who acquainted me wth bro. Chippendales willingness to sel me a Chist of Drawers, upon w^{ch} I writ as followes to him.

Cloughton Mar. 15. 03. Bro. My Wife tells me you are willing to part wth a chist of Drawers & a Glass, both w^{ch} may be of use to us, & if you please to get y^m to y^e Swan in Preston and by letter acquaint how to convey money to You for y^m I shall send you y^e Rate wⁿ I Know it. I desire You to be carefull in packing y^m up wth good store of straw or hey-Ropes, for I think to cart y^m from Preston, and wⁿ you send y^m please to let me Know in a line by y^e post directed for me to be left at y^e black-horse in Liverpool. If you and sister wo'd take an opportunity to come to Sephton, You may assure y^r selves to be very welcom to such Enter-tainm^t as our house can afford. This, wth Love and service, is from Y^r Bro. & Serv^t T.B. My wife has her love and service given to you, and her other friends near You. If you resolve to send y^m let it be as soon as conveniently you can.

This I enclos'd in an other Letter To Jane Thornton.

Cloughton Mar. y^e 15. 03. Jane, The enclos'd I desire you to get to M^r Chippendal if you see any from y^t side at y^e fair, or if You meet wth none to send it by y^e Post to Clithero on Friday. It is about a Chist of Drawers w^{ch} sho'd be left at y^e Swan, and if they come desire y^e Landlady to take care of y^m till I send for y^m. My Wife thought to have seen You tomorrow but thinks it not convenient because of y^e Throng. She wo'd have enquired after y^e Conditions of her serv^t because she has heard somew^t of an ill report of her; but you may let her Know by letter as well, if you'll take y^e trouble to write one to her at Sephton to be left at y^e black horse in Liverpool. This wth her & my Love & service concludes from Y^r F. & Ser. T.B.

Ap. y^e 3^d one Mathew Broughton came wth y^s Letter.

Bashall April the 1 day 1704. Bro^r. I received your letter y^e 30 day of March it lying by the way so long before I had it ; and y^t I would not have You neither my Self disappointed, I write speedily having y^s good opportunity, to get my letter conveyed to you by a carefull hand. These are to acquaint you as for y^e Chist of Drawers and Glass You may have y^m. You desired to Know how you might get me y^e money for y^m. I had some thoughts to have it brought by y^e Carrier, but he hath given over coming to Leverpool, so I am not acquainted wth any y^t comes y^t Road. So if you please you may send y^e money by y^e bearer hereof, & it will come safe to my hand if it was a greater concern. Brother I will be as moderate in y^e price as I can. 3^l 5^s. As for sending y^m to y^e Swan in Preston, y^t I shall take care to do as You desire, but if You please to be advised, I would not have y^m come in a cart for it will spoil y^m let y^m be as carefull as they can. I had y^m come from York upon a horse, and on a pack saddle and came wth out any hurt or bruise. If you please I will send you y^m quite thorow to Sephton if You think fit I shall do it. However I desire y^r Answer by y^s bearer and according to y^r Order I shall take care as much as possible I can in y^e performance and safe conveyance to y^e place You would have y^m come to and as speedily as can be done. My selfe and wife desire to be remembred to You and sister wishing her health & well to like amongst her new neighbours & others. So I rest y^r Brother to Ablidge Will^m Chippindell.

My Answer.

Seph. Ap. y^e 3^d 1704. Bro. Since you are perswaded y^t y^e chist and glass cannot come safe in a Cart I am willing to embrace y^r proposal of sending y^m to Sephton : But pray excuse me if I think y^e Rate somew^t high for 2^d hand goods. Had I not been informed y^t You had a mind to part wth y^m I should have procured others at Leverpool at a less price, & more fashionable yⁿ y^{rs} are. But to omit y^s if You are very willing to part wth y^m send y^m wⁿ and by whom you please, and by y^e same Bearer you may Expect y^e Money. My wife tells me Unkle and You have made an End of y^r long debated business for w^{ch} I am glad, and desire to Know upon w^t terms if you shall think fit so far to oblige Y^r lo: B. & humble serv^t T.B.

On y^e 9th Ap. y^s came to me.

Loving son and daughter, We hope these lines will find You both together, and we pray God to bless and prosper You both to Gods Glory, and to y^t & y^r Relations Joy and comfort. We have received y^r Letters —both of y^r getting home, and of receiving y^e goods. And if you want any thing y^t we can procure, and conveniently get You, let us Know. We have received a large prick of Tobacco, for w^{ch} (wth y^r Letters) we thank You. Mr Kenyon* is dead. Thomas Crosfield hath a son born. Wⁿ occasion serves let us hear from you. This (wth our daily prayers to God for you both, & our blessing) is all at present from y^r loving parents J M Brookbanke. Witherslack March y^e 30. 1704.

My Answer

Leverpool Apr. y^e 11. 1704. S^r. Y^{rs} of y^e 30 of March came to us on y^e 9th of April and found us set one week in house. My wife came to Sephton y^e 16 and a maid came a week before, and we are all well but in a house not yet well furnished. My Wife gives her duty to you and M^r and wo'd have her to procure her a web of course hemp cloth if she can Conveniently. Parson R^d is very well recovered onely is still troubled wth a weakness w^{ch} some wo'd call a Diabetes. This wth duty to w^m due concludes from Y^r dutifull son & Serv^t T.B.

To Father Whittingham.

Sephton Ap. y^e 11. 1704. Father, I have deferred writing thus long expecting a letter from bro. W^m, and y^e last week I had one w^{ch} informs me y^t he is not willing to send y^e Chist of Drawers by Cart, & g^o I have sent him word to send y^m on horseback, so y^r cart need not call at Preston. If you conclude to send y^e goods no farther yⁿ Eccleston I sho'd desire to Know when, y^t I might get somebody to receive y^m there: But if Y^r Team co'd come to Ormskirk it wo'd be much less trouble to me. Y^r Daughter is indifferent well, but y^e change of Air has a little indisposed her: She has her duty, Love and Service given to You, her Mother and every body Else: and pray accept y^e Same from y^r dutifull Son and Serv^t T.B.

On Wednesday before Easter I preach'd at Crosby, and at my Return found This.

Walton. 12th Apr. 1704. M^r Brookbank. I am sorry to give (by y^r hands) an account to y^r Landlady, Margaret Wilson, y^t last night (after we were gone to bed) her son William went away from my house, but whither no body Knowes. Ever since he has been out of his Time as an Apprentice, he has led a most careless & vicious life, and I pray God he may not bring himself to a Sad End. This will be melancholly Newes to his poor Mother, and other Relations; and you may believe it's no little trouble to me, Y^t any one y^t has lived so long in my Family, and y^t has so often receiv'd better Instructions, shou'd at last take Such destructive Courses. I suppose y^r Landlady (upon y^r reading this to her) will come hither, and then she shall hear more from Y^r affectionate Friend Rich^d Richmond.

On Easter day 16. Ap. Ant. Fleetwood brought me y^e next, wth one inclosed to my Wife from Cos. Turnley.

Sparth: Apr. y^e 7. 1704. We have been long in answering y^{rs}; At y^t time we had it, we thought it might be about y^e time of y^r Journey to see y^r Father. We heard by y^r wives to my Cosin of y^r Kind entertainm^t. there and safe return in all w^{ch} we desire to bless God for and wth You. As to giving an account of Cosin Chippendel we thought You would Know more, and before we did their design, because y^r wife was there, for we did Know no more of their mind, yⁿ to have a tryall at York. We had sum-

mons for y^e witnesses, and he came at y^e last day, wⁿ he had troubled us as far as he thought convenient for himself, my husband being more for peace yⁿ law (thô to his great loss, in a very just case, and I am sure under very foul Provocation) accepted of an Agreem^t w^{ch} I was no less content wth yⁿ he for I had much rather he had an easy mind thô we had less, then be harrassed to death wth trouble for a little of this World : His Age and body cannot bear w^t others may, & he some time could have done. He is in ordinary health and so are we all at this present blessed be God. M^r Jolly ¹ gives his service to yⁿ both. This wth both our hearty Respects to You is from y^r loving Aunt Agnes Turnley.

My Answer.

Sephton Ap. y^e 22^d 04. Aunt, By y^s I return you thanks for y^r Kind letter, and take y^e freedom to tell You I am heartily glad to hear of my Unkles moderate health, and y^t y^e rest of y^r Family is well, to whom (I begg of You to) give Kind love and service. I am also very glad y^t those vexatious affaires, w^{ch} created so much Trouble, are accommodated, and will hope before summer be past to see you both at y^s place : You will find but mean Entertainm^t but such as it may be, I doubt not you'll take in good part. We began house y^e 3^d instant wth a very few goods, w^{ch} causes us to make bold wth our Neighbours, who are ready enough to assist as yet poor beginners as we are. My wife came hither y^e 16th of March since wⁿ She has sometimes been not very well w^{ch} we impute to y^e change of air, but at present is in reasonable good health : She gives her duty to you and Unkle, & love & service to other Friends. And be pleas'd to accept ye Same from Y^r obliged Nephew & humble serv^t T.B.

To Father Whittingham.

May y^e 20. 1704. Father, A while ago I had a Letter from You by M^r Richmond, but wo'd not return an answer immediately, because I had just before writ to you : I fear mine never reach'd you bec. I have heard nothing from you since. The wheel & other Things w^{ch} we have expected, are earnestly desired, and our Women pretend a great want of y^m and gō I desire You either to send y^m by y^r own Team, or any other y^t you can procure for hire. If in y^e mean time you wo'd write to me, you may direct y^{rs} to be left at y^e black-horse in Leverpool for me at Sephton. This (wth my own, my Wifes Duty Love & Service to w^m due) concludes from y^r Son & Serv^t T.B.

To W^m Harrison.

May y^e 25th. 1704. W^m. I desire you to bring me w^t money you have gather'd and y^r book you gather by, some day before Tuesday, for I am in want of Money, and y^t day I shall go to Walton and give y^e Parson an account how matters stand amongst us. This is from Y^r Friend T.B.

¹ John Jolly, nephew of Thomas Jolly (1629-1703) succeeded his uncle as minister to the Non-Conformist Congregations at Sparth and Wymondhouses, and died in 1714.

On y^e 4th of June I had this.

S^r I have received y^r Letter w^{ch} was dated y^e 20 of May Y^r goodes will be at Ecclesdon¹ at one M^r Dicons a privet house and y. may be welcom till you can send for y^m. I intend y^m to be there a wednesday next being y^e last day of May wth out fail, One bruing Knop,² one golker, 2 Barrels, a salting tub, a flasket, and a brass pot, and y^e Chist of Drawers. And as for the wheel, and y^e bed, and y^e Napkins, I can send y^m by a Carrier, y^t carries to Leverpool, and he tells me y^t he can leave y^m at y^r house ; If you would have y^m come by y^s Man, send me word in y^r next letter. No more, hope you are both in good health as we are all at pr., from Y^r Son in law [*sic*] Tho. Whittingham. I would not have you fail sending for these goodes on Thursday or Friday next at M^r W^m Diconson in Eccleston. May y^e 28th day. 1704.

My Answer by Jane Thornton.

June y^e 8th 1704. Father. I had your letter but last Sunday, & $\overline{go}$ co'd not send to Eccleston, at y^e time you appointed, but shall shortly send. If w^t is left behind co'd speedily come by carrier it wo'd do very well, for y^e wheel & cloth are most wanted : We hope to see you shortly, but cannot yet tell wⁿ but think it will be y^e beginning of next month before we set out for y^e North. At present we are all well, and wish y^s may find you in y^e like Condition, w^{ch} (wth wives and my own duty to you & mother) is all at present from Y^r lo: Son & Serv^t T.B.

The same day y^t I went from Sephton . . . y^e 10 I received this by a boy R. Whittingham.

June y^e 8th day 1704. Son. I received y^r letter w^{ch} was dated y^e 20th of May and I brought y^e goods to Eccleston, And I sent you a letter but I was wrong informed about y^e name of y^e house ; y^e name of y^e House is M^r Richard Dickison. One Chist of Drawers 1 Brass pot 2 Knops, 2 Barrels 2 Tubbs wth a lid to beef tub. If You have not y^m you may be satisfied where they are. Son I must make bold to trouble you for 5^l, if you can help me wth it now it will do me a great Kindness. I cold not sell my Cattle at Inglewhite³ fair, or else I should not have needed to borrow ; If you can do it pray send it by y^e Bearer and in so doing you will do me a Kindness, and I hope I shall gratify You for it. No more. I hope you are both wel, as we are all at pr : from yr son [*sic*] Tho: Whittingham—Let me Know how to direct my letters to you.

My Answer.

June y^e 11. 1704. Father, Last night y^r boy brought us a Wheel, Bed stockings & Bacon for w^{ch} we thank you, and the beginning of this week I think our goods will come from Eccleston. I writ to you on y^e 8th instant, but you will (I believe) receive y^s first : I shall not repeat

¹ Eccleston is a parish, etc., about 8 miles south of Preston.

² A large tub (Provincial English). (*Century Dictionary*.)

³ Inglewhite is a village, etc., about 5 miles S.E. of Garstang.

w^t I yⁿ writ, Nor trouble You wth any More at present, but y^t I am sorry y^t I cannot assist you wth Money. We have Expended a great deal for household goods and other Necessaries, and my Wages come in very slow : There is above 30^l due to me y^s Month, w^{ch} I Know not how or wⁿ I shall receive. My Wife gives Duty to You & Mother, as does also Y^r loving son & serv^t T.B. Direct y^{rs} for me at Sephton to be left at y^e Black horse in Liverpool.

To my Father

Liverpool June y^e 13th 1704. S^r. I think y^e beginning of next Month my Wife & I shall come to visit you : The New Church ¹ at y^s town is to be consecrated y^e 29th w^{ch} is y^e reason we shall not come sooner. I have nothing else to acquaint you wth but y^t we are well and have our duty given to you & Mother. This is from Y^r dutifull Son & Serv^t T.B. I shall come to assist M^r Marsden who is allwayes very thankfull to you for y^r Juniper berries.

On y^e 29th Wife and I rid to Liverpool to y^e Consecration of y^e new Church : and y^e same day I had this from Ned. Turner.

Loving Daughter, I have sent you 30 yards of cloth 15 course, and 15 somew^t better. We are well blessed be God, hoping y^e same of You. We have M^{rs} Bowes here at Witherslack. We had a letter from You since You came together to live. This wth our Blessing and daily prayers unto God for You both, is all at present from y^r dear Mother Mary Brookbanke. Witherslack, May 22. 1704. The Cloth is directed to be left at M^r Rob^t Rowlandsons shop in Liverpool.

The 3^d of July my wife and I began our Journey into y^e North, we lodged 2 nights at Westfield, and on y^e 5th rid to Witherslack : In our way I sent two letters, to y^e Ministers of Flookburrow ² & Lindel, y^t y. might give notice of my Preaching there, y^e Sunday Following. Next week after we went to Ulverston, and on Sunday morning (y^e 16) I sent to Excuse y^e mistake of y^e past week ; Notice had been given for my preaching at Pennington ³ y^e Sunday before, & now I desired M^r Mount to Excuse me, and to give his people notice y^t I wo^d preach there in y^e afternoon, w^{ch} I did having preach'd at Ulverston y^e Forenoon. At Preston as we return'd home we met wth a Man Serv^t belonging to y^e Stakes, ⁴ who told us Cos. Ann Turnley ⁵

¹ St. Peter's, in Church Street, Liverpool, was erected into a parish and detached from Walton by Act of Parliament, 10 and 11 Will. III (1699-1700), under two joint rectors.

² A village in the parish of Cartmel. The minister was perhaps George Bateman who occurs in 1689 and 1716. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

³ Pennington is a mile S.W. of Ulverston. James Mount, the minister, occurs in 1680 and died before 1715, when his will was proved. (*V.C.H.*)

⁴ A large farm of that name in the Forest of Bolland, on the banks of the Hodder, below Whitewell. It was then the (leasehold) property of a family called Toulson.

⁵ Anne Turnley was niece of Richard Turnley of Sparth, being daughter of his brother Thomas.

was there, whereupon I writ to her, to tell her of our Journey & y^t we sho'd be glad to have her wth us, especially about Martinmass &c.

After our Return we writ, my Wife to Coss. Edmonson, & Sister Chippendel, in answer to one of hers of June y^e 19. & I as followes.

To Father Brookbanke.

July 25. 1704. S^r. After we parted wth You, we called at Ulvah and took Mat. Martindal along wth us: At y^e Salt Coat,¹ my Ants & Cosins overtook us, and accompanied us to Warton; ² We parted there about 11 a Clock & came to Father Whittinghams in good time; where we staid 2 nights, and on Friday last came to y^s place very wel, tho' my Wife chanced to fall by y^e way. Wⁿ Juniper berries are ready 8 or 10 Quarts wo'd be acceptable, you may send y^m by some boat to Leverpool. This wth Duty Love, & Service to every body, concludes, from Y^r dutifull Son & D^r T. & E.B.

To Father Whittingham.

July 25. 1704. Father, This will inform you y^t we are safe return'd to y^s place, and very well, tho' my wife fell off y^e horse as we came. She sayes she forgot a white Sarcenet hood w^{ch} she left in y^e chamber window wⁿ we went for Witherslack, and desires you if you can enquire on't, to send it wth y^e wheel: we met wth her mask at y^e Swan. This (wth Duty to you & Mother, & Love to Sisters and all Friends) is all at present from Y^r dutifull Son & Serv^t T.B.

About y^e 18 of August I had y^s inclosed in an other paper wth a Sarcenet hood.

August y^e 15. day. I have sent y^e wheel by y^s Carrier, and I have paid 4^s 6^d for. as for your hood it was laid in y^e Counter, in y^r chamber, where you laid; We did not think but you had taken it. My Wife was afraid of it by reason y^t there was Girls in y^e other End of y^e house. No[w] I hope you are both in good health, as we are all at y^s present writing Y. so [*sic*] Tho: Whittingham.

On y^e 26th Wil: Bentley brought me some juniper berries and beef wth y^s letter to the Rev Tho. Brockbank, minister at Sefton.

Loving Son. We have y^r letter and are glad y^t you got well home, and we hope your wife is no worse for her fall. We have sent you a taste of dried beaf, wth 12. quarts of Juniper berries. If any enquire w^t y. are by quart, you may say 2^d. for they are very well pict and drest. D^r Witham came y^e very night you went from hence in y^e morning. This with our daily prayers and blessing is all at present from y^r loving parents J: M: Brookbanke. Witherslack August 8th 1704.

¹ There is a Saltcotes in Ulverston parish on the Leven Estuary, and another in the township of Carnforth.

² Warton is a parish and village 6½ miles N. of Lancaster.

In a Postscript of one of my Wifes to my Mother of y^e 8 7^r I let her Know my wife wo'd have had some more beaf & some Nuts : & told my Father y^t if he design'd to do any thing in Garnets business, it were best not to deferr time &c.

An Answer I had y^e 21 Sept. as followes.

Loving son and Daughter. We have Y^{rs} and w^t You write for we will send (God willing) wⁿ Opportunity Serves. Concerning Garnets business, I have no mind to meddle, but you and y^r Aunts and Cousins may do w^t You think Convenient, for I am old and not fit for such matters. M^r Prodday as I hear preached but once since you saw him, but lies in bed in a Melancholy humour, and will suffer no body to come to him, and his wife gets y^e place Supplied as well as she can. There is one Garnet usher of Kendale school y^t comes often. And Madam Preston is so incensed agst him, y^t she saith, y^t Cartmel Church shall never hold him and her both at one time. This day we are at Low Wood at y^e Christening of M^r Tho: Bowe's Daughter. M^r Knipe of Floddan [?] hath a son. Equa mortua est, et nigram equam emi : Jennet y^e D^r of Tho: Bow and wife of Ric^d Crosfield is dead. We feard lest y^e berries sho'd do y^e beef hurt, because they were so long together. This (wth our blessing and prayers to God for you both) is all at present from y^r Parents. Witherslack Sept^r. 18. 1704. J. M. Brookbank.

On y^e 8 of 8^{ber} I had these 2.

Loving Son & Daughter. I wrote to you y^e 18th of y^s present September, wherein You may see how y^e Affaires do go here, and I have no more, but y^t M^r Bowe's Daughter was buried yesterday. Having now an Opportunity my Wife hath sent You a piece of Beef, and Ann Turner hath Sent you some Nuts. The Chaires will be ready y^e Next week, & wⁿ We have y^m we will Send y^m by y^e first opportunity. And y^s is all wth our blessing and daily prayers to God for you both, from y^r loving Parents Jo: Mary Brookbanke. Witherslack Sep. 21. 1704.

This for M^r Tho: Brookbank parson at Sefne Church.

October y^e 4 day 1704. Sir, I having y^s opportunity, I thought to let You Know how we do ; Catherine is in y^e Small pocks, we hope y^t she is past worst ; y^e rest of us are in good health, as we hope you are y^e same. Pray You let us hear from You how you do, and how you got y^e goods, No more from y^r Son [*sic*] Tho: Whittingham.

I answered y^{se} 2 from Liverpool as followeth.

To Father B. Lev. Oct. 10. 1704. I have received both y^r last, and y^s day am in town to receive y^e Nuts and Chaires from Rob^t Cunney. We drank y^r health and my M^{rs} at Mary Bowmans (y^t was) and now I am for Sephton. My wife gives her duty to you, and is in indifferent good health, but begins to grow bigg. I have no newes worth telling You, nor nothing else, but y^t I am Y^r obed^t S. & Serv^t T.B.

To Fa. W. id.

Father, I received Y^{rs} and now tell you we are both in good health, and glad Sis. Catherine is got past y^s danger of small Pocks. The Wheel and hood we have received in Safety, and sho'd still be glad to hear frequently from You. This, wth both our duties to you & M^r is all at present from y^r dutifull son & Serv^t T.B.

To Wil. Harrison.

Sept^r y^e 21. 04. Will^m. You need not doubt but I have earnestly Expected you, since a good while ago I told you I wanted Money : I Know not w^t y^r Excuse can be for not coming to me wth y^e bookes if you can bring nothing else. The Parson expects You sho'd give in y^r accounts and so do I too : The longer you drive y^e worse, and y^e more Unwilling shall we be to imploy You again. Let y^s inform you, y^t if you do not shortly appear, to let us see how matters are, some way will be thought on to force you. This is from Y^r Friend T.B.

To Franc. Harrison in Ormskirk.

Octob. 21. 1704. Francis, We want a little of y^r help here, and if you can possibly come y^e next week, I desire you wo'd do so ; and bring half a measure of Patches along wth you, or as many as You think convenient. If you cannot come y^e next week, nor y^e beginning of y^e next after, pray Send us word on Thursday y^t we may seek out for some other, for we are in great need of a Workman. I pray you tell R^d Helsby y^e Glazier I have some work to do, if he will come over & take y^e Dimensions of it he may do it. This is from y^r Friend T.B.

Will. Harrison return'd answer y^e same day in mine.

S^r. I have been very jealous y^t y^r patience wo'd begin to be tired since y^e day I tould you I thought I could reach you, but w^t wth y^e Sessement one thing or another I do protest I could not get any thing worth bringing to You, but do assure you I will be out again this next week, and those y^t will not pay, I will threaten y^m to return y^m. I am S^r Y^r obedient Serv^t to command W. Harrison. And I will bring my bookes wth me, as to Elizabeth Bains Mortuary Tho: Fleetwood tells me there will be none for us.

To Father B.

Septon Nov. 6th 1704. S^r I have sent you wth Ned. Turner a bagg of Potatoes of our own growing, and a little chees ; I designed you a better but was disappointed, but you'l take this in good part. We are indifferent well, and You shall Know, wⁿ 'tis otherwise wth us ; I hope our Family will be encreased e'r long. Wife gives her dutie to you both & so does y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B. Kind love & service to all Friends.

Cos. El. Edmonson writ to my Wife 6 Nov. y^t y^e Thursday after M^r Proddy of Cartmel was to be before y^e B^p in order to be suspended whereupon I writ w^t Followes.

Seph. Nov^r. To Madam Preston at Holkar. Madam, I have lately been informed y^t y^e Church at Cartmel either is at present, or is shortly to be void of an Incumbent ; If this Information be true, I co'd earnestly wish to offer my Service to S^r Wil. wth full design honestly to do my duty there : And (Madam) if Y^r Ladyship sho'd think me a fit person, I co'd as earnestly wish You wo'd please to recommend me to him. But w^t ever else You do, pray pardon this great boldness of (Madam) Y^r very much obliged humble serv^t T.B.

This I enclosed in w^t follows To my Father.

Sep. Nov. 20. 04. S^r. You may peruse y^e enclosed, and (if you find it Convenient) send it as Directed having first dated & sealed it. My Informat^{on} was by letter from Cos. Edmondson of Ulverston to my Wife. If You Know of any more likely Method, I sho'd be glad it were made use of. I sent You a few Potatoes and a Chees by Ned Turner, wth I hope you have received, but cannot yet send you word y^t my wife is delivered : She is indifferent well & gives her duty to you both, as does also Y^r obedient Son & Serv^t T.B.

Sep^a. Nov^r. y^e 30th. Dear Mo^r. Last Monday about 6 at night my wife was delivered of a strong & big son : she began to be ill before she rose in y^e morning, but was not in extremitie of pain, very long, thô while she was, it was sharp enough. We had a Midwife from Liverpool, reckoned y^e best in town ; she cost us a Guinea, but we thought it not ill bestowed. We design to Christen our Son next Sunday & call him John.¹ My Wifes Sister out of Yorkshire, and her cousin are wth us, who are two good Nurses to my Wife. 10 dayes ago I writ to my Father, and in y^t letter enclosed one to Mad^m Preston, to desire her (if there was or is like to be a Vacancy at Cartmel) to recommend me to S^r W^m. I co'd still desire to be y^r Neighbour, thô we live easy here among a very Kind people. I hope Father has received y^t & You mine of y^e 6th by Ned Turner. The dried beef You sent us had no fault as we thought, thô it was but a fault y^t our own griediness made : we co'd have wished it had been 5 times as big as it was. To mend y^e Matter, y^e best way will be to procure us a great deal more, if it be a whole Quarter we shall not think it too much. Perhaps You may get some bought & dried to be sent us sometime in y^e spring, and doubt not but You shall be well paid for't. Pray divide our love and service amongst our Friends, & take duty to y^r Self and Father, and give all of us y^r blessing, especially, y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B.

¹ John Brookbank, matric. Brasenose Coll., Oxford, 14 Mar. 1722-23 ; B.A. 14 Feb. 1726-27, M.A. 1731 (Foster). He married Jane Strickland at Middleham, co. York, 7 Apr. 1737 ; sometime Fellow of B.N.C. ; in 1747 he was Vicar of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green ; will proved, 1748. His widow *d.* at Bromley College, 1776, and it was proved the same year. They left issue : sons, John and Thomas (*d.* before 1788), and daughters, Jane, Catherine, and Emma. The son John succeeded to Sparth, and dying 20 June, 1806, was buried at Altham. He was succeeded at Sparth by his cousin, Charles Brookbank (*d.* 1808, aged 41, bur. at Altham), son of Thomas B. of St. Andrews, Holborn, Stationer ; which Thomas was 2nd son of Rev. Thomas Brookbank of Cartmel, the diarist (Brookbank Papers in my possession).

To Father Whittingham.

Sep. 30 Nov. 04. Father, Your Daughter was delivered of a lusty boy last Monday about 6 at Night : She began to be ill in y^e Morning but not in extreimity till y^e afternoon. They are both indifferent well but you Know 'tis a deceitfull bed y^r D^r lies in, and a child's health is very uncertain ; We hope y^e best and design to christen our Son next Sunday, & call him John. Cos An. Turnley has been here above 3 weekes, & Sister Chippendel since y^e 18th. They both give y^r duty to You & Mother, and so does my wife, and also Y^r dutifull Son & Serv^t T.B.

About y^e 7th-8th of Dec. I had w^t followes

Loving son and daughter. There hath been some difference between S^r W^m y^e Parishioners & M^r P. whereupon he went to his own Country : And his Relations (for w^m S^r W. has a Kindness) have prevailed wth S^r W^m to take a further tryall of him, to see if he will mend, whereupon he is come again and is at C : Both S^r W. & madam Preston, are about to leave Holcar, however I have sent her Yours. Y^r Friend M^r John Bird died y^e 29 of August, and his bro. Oswald Bird died 17 of Sep^r & y^r Aunt Elline Whitehead y^e 14th of November. Ann Turner sent You y^e Nuts, and You have forgotten to return her Thanks. We hear nothing of Ned Turner, however we Thank You for Y^r Kindness. Our daily prayers to God is, y^t y^r Wife may have a happy deliverance to Gods Glory & our Comfort. This (wth our blessing & daily prayers to God for You) is all at present from Y^r dear parents J M Brookbanke. Witherslack. Dec. 1. 1704.

On Thursday y^e 14th I was wth F. Whittingham at Liverpool, and at y^e George was telling y^e Landlady y^t my wifes nipples were Sore, whereupon she told me y^t M^{rs} Floyd had given her somew^t y^t did her good wⁿ hers were ill : & finding my Wife worse wⁿ I return'd, sent y^s note next day to To M^{rs} Mary Hodgson at y^e George by y^e Water side in Liverpool.

Sephton. Dec. 15. 1704. Mary, This is to return You and y^r husband Thanks for yesterday's Kindness, and to desire You to take so much Trouble upon You, as to prevail (if possible) wth M^{rs} Floyd, for a little such salve as cured y^r Nipples wⁿ y. were sore : My Wife's are very ill, and torment her much, w^{ch} is y^e Reason I thus soon send to You. M^{rs} Fletcher was abroad, wⁿ I called at her house, so y^t I saw her not. This my Wife's and my love & service to You and y^r husband, is from y^r obliged Country Man & humble serv^t T.B.

To Sister Chippendel to be left in Clithero.

Dec. 19. 04. Sister, You, I think, obliged me to let You Know how my Wife does, and gō I take y^s opportunity to tell You, she gets strength but slowly, her breasts not mending Keeps her weak : y^r Godson has a want of You, for those to whose care You left him has not y^e trick to please him as you did : He has been very uneasy, & sometime Kept us all waking wⁿ we had rather have slept, yet He growes in y^s world, and loses not of

his flesh : W^a my wife begins to make use of Pen & paper you may possibly have a more particular account, but at present be pleased to take y^s in good part. She sends you by this Love service and Thanks, w^{ch} she desires you & Bro. to divide betwixt you ; and having no other thing to present you wth be pleased to accept y^s from y^r much obliged Broth & humble serv^t T.B. Cos. Turnley desires you to accept of her Love & Service. and as a piece of Newes w^{ch} I had almost forgot I must add y^t contrary to y^e Expectation Father W. came to see us y^e next day after I parted wth You.

To Aunt Turnley at Sparth, to be left wth Giles Bolton in Blackburn.

Sephton Dec. y^e 19. 1704. Dear Aunt, I Suppose before this will reach You, You'l have heard, y^t my wife is delivered of a son, for Cos. An. writ by Bro. Chippendel to You some time ago, about y^t and other matters. She Now gives her duty to you both, and desires to Know whether You have received hers, and if you have, she beggs two lines in answer to't & to Know how you both do : we all here wo'd be glad to hear you are well, thò we suspect y^r health, since no letter from You has come to our hands. My wife is but weak as yet, and has great trouble wth her nipples, w^{ch} are very sore. but we hope in time she will recover her strength, & be able to nurse her child. We all begg of you to remember us in y^r prayers, and to accept Duty & service from us, especially from Y^r obliged Nephew & humble Serv^t T.B.

To M^{rs} Edmonson in Ulverston.

Sephton Decem. y^e 19. 1704. Dear Cousin, My Wife gives you a thousand Thanks for y^r obliging Letter, and I sho'd be very ungrateful did I not double y^t number, for y^r Kind Intimation in it : She bids me tell you, y^t she was safely delivered of a strong boy y^e 27 of y^e last month, and is now indifferent well, thò tormented wth sore Nipples. Be pleased to accept her & my hearty Love & service, and distribute a part thereof to M^r Edmondson M^r Wildman, his Mother & other Friends, & believe We sho'd allways be very glad to hear of y^r wellfare. This is from Y^r very much obliged Kinsman & humble Serv^t T.B.

The next from my Father I had y^e 19th.

Loving son & daughter. We are very glad y^t God hath been graciously pleased to lend you a son, pray God make him happy, and You and we Thankfull, and we wish y^r wife good recovery, to Gods pleasure ; My wife designs to visit you e'r it be long. We now have received y^r Kind Tokens, but y^e boat is not yet come to Grange, but some goods are brought up in a little Cock boat. If You have received mine on y^e first of Dec^r You will be certified concerning Ca: The beef you mention we will think on, God willing. Richard Whitehead is come and hath sold somew^t of w^t his Grandfather William gave his Father & Mother. These (wth Thanks for y^r Kind Tokens, and our blessing to You Y^r wife & son, and our daily prayers to God for You all) are all at present from Y^r Parents J. M. Brookbanke Witherslack Dec. 15. 1704.

To F.B. [= Father Brookbanke].

Sep. Jan. y^e 20. 04. S^r. Y^{rs} of y^e 15th ult. came readily to us, and we sho'd be glad if Mother co'd as soon and as safely come hither, but we believe she will not begin her journey before y^e spring, bec. y^e dayes are cold & short, and y^e way dirty. My wife gives her duty to you both, & begs y^r blessing for herself & Son, who are indifferent well: They boy Thrives & is hearty, but his mother has been troubled wth sore nipples, and a gathering breast w^{ch} is now broke. On Friday 12. I received a letter from Cos. Rich^d Whitehead and a fine Table cloath and 12 Napkins towards housekeeping. In Christmas I saw M^r Marsden, who shewed me 2 letters from y^e B^p in both w^{ch} he desires him to tell him whether he thinks me fit to serve at Cartmel, and sayes he thinks he can prevail wth S^r W^m if M^r Proddy be displaced: You may please to let me Know w^t reports are wth you about y^t matter.

W^t followes came to me y^e 9th wth some letters inclosed for Cos. Turnley.

Sparth Dec. 29. 1704. S^r. We had y^{rs} for w^{ch} I Kindly thank You. My Cousins gave us an account of y^r Wife's deliverance, and of y^r little son, for w^{ch} we rejoyce wth you, thô at y^s time we do not reach to visit You. We are Sorry to hear of Cos. illness of her breasts, it is often a grievous sorrow, but often attends her condition; The wise God sees it good we sho'd have our Allayes wth our Mercies. We shall be glad to hear she is strengthened to be a Nource to her child. I sent y^r letter to Sister yesterday, a man came here from y^m tells us y. have a Chapman for horsehay; If it be so y^t y. come here tomorrow, and give sufficient bond, or pay y^e Money, if not we must send to y^e Sherif of York on Munday. I do heartily wish y^e way of peace might take, but am full of fears to y^e Contrary: I can say it hath been no little grievous to me, it should be so, thô now more resolved to put it to y^e furthest if it must be so: I am sure we have y^e strongest reason imaginable on our part: my husband takes a great deal of pains not wthstanding his age is full of trouble many times, but blessed be God hath had his health y^s Winter, and latter part of y^s year even to a wonder I think: I have had but bad health ever since you were here, since Nov^r I have been better, w^{ch} is more yⁿ I co'd in reason look for y^s winter season. Please to tell my Cousin if we send to York, I will take w^t care I am capable off, as well of her happiness as our own: She must let us Know wⁿ we must send for her, but if she be serviceable any wayes to her Cosin, she was desirous to be so, and we would be glad if it might be so, and wⁿ y^t is over shall send for her as she directs. We desire y^r prayers, y^t y^e Lord will Undertake for us, for we would commit our Cause to him, y^t we may be Kept from Sin w^{ch} is ready to mingle it self wth both our Mercies and affliction, y^t all our matters may be Issued to Gods Glory and our good account at last. This wth both our dear respects to you both is from y^r loving Aunt Agnes Turnley. M^r Jolly gives his Service, to You both.

This next was brought be [*sic* 2 me] wth a bundle, y^e 12th.

Keighley Jan^y 4. Lov. Cousin, I have been about a Month in y^e North, and Now am going back, and upon y^e road I bought a parcell of Cloth, among w^{ch} there was a Table cloth, & a Dozen of Napkins, w^{ch} I have sent to You as a small Token towards housekeeping; in great haste I rest y^r loving Kinsman Rich^d Whitehead. Pray give my humble Service to y^r Lady. Direct to me at y^e Angel in Wisbech in y^e Isle of Eley.

To Cousin Whitehead as above.

Septon Jan. 1^o. 1704. Cousin, If y^s find y^e way to You, it will tell you how very acceptable y^r Kind Token was to us: Indeed such valuable and usefull Things wo^d meet wth good Reception at any hands, but y^e good will y^t sent y^m very much raised y^e worth of y^m to us, who had not y^e least Thought of (bec. no reason to look for) such a present from You. We are glad of y^r Remembrance & Prosperity, And as we desire of you y^e continuance of y^e Former, so we begg of God for an Encrease of y^e other. I heard but y^t last month of y^e death of y^r M^r w^{ch}, thò it was unexpected newes, did not much surprise me, who am very sensible of y^e Uncertainty of any bodies life: Neither can I be sorry for her death, bec. I hope her change was happy, yet I cannot but in some measure Sympathise wth You and y^r Sisters who have lost a good Mother. I fear y^r Business will not bring you so near us as y^t we might see you here some time: but if it did, we sho^d esteem it a happiness to enjoy y^r company at our house, w^{ch} you might make use of as y^r Own. Be pleased to accept of my Wife's and my hearty Thanks Love & Service, and wⁿ you can spare so much time, wth a line or two pray further oblige Y^r Thankfull Kinsman & sincere F. T.B.

At Liverpool y^e 24^o of Jan. I met wth y^s y^t follows

January y^e 2^d day. Dear Brother & Sister. I thought to have hear from you, as You promised, I heard by Father, y^t you got well home y^t night but wⁿ I got to y^e fells I was so cold, and I was so sick y^t I lighted 4 times upon y^e fell, I co^d not sit upon horse, & was near no house, I thought I might have died, but was better wⁿ I got Warm; I have lingred and been very sore out of Order ever Since, would not write thinking I sho^d have been better, but find my Self worse. I found every thing very well, nothing in y^e least amiss, And we are in hopes to sell y^e Land, all things I hope will be agreed of, for my Joynter I shall not stick of, I hope I shall not need it, and while I am here I shall do my Endeavour to gain a better. I do not think to docter at all, only have some advice of some of w^t my Distemper is: You will say it is breeding, but it is not so. I have a great desire to Know how You do, and whether You Keep y^r son y^r Self or no. Father told me You were indifferent wⁿ he left You, I told him I expected a letter from You. He took Ann home wth him, and will bring her himself, and thought he might have heard of you here. My dear Love to you both. My blessing to my little son, service to Cosin. begging her Excuse for not writing to her. So I rest y^r loving Sister to oblige You Ellin Chippendell.

In y^e bottom of y^s was an other

Brother. My Wife hath expected a letter from You, and being y^t she hath not it made her very Uneasy. My Father told us y^t sister was pretty hearty wⁿ he came from You, so I wish you & her health and a happy new year. I need not say any thing more as concerning my Wife, for she hath given You account in y^e lines above how she is out of health. Indeed she hath not been so well since she came home as before; she got some could wth coming, she'l not take y^t it is breeding, but I believe it is. Pray tell Sister y^t Abigail Hall is widdow for her husband died on New years day. So I rest y^r Faithful Brother Will^m Chippindel. Direct y^r Letter to come from Preston by S^r Nicholas Sherborn's¹ post-boy, and so we shall have it safe.

This wife answered by Cous. Turnley who went from Sephton Feb. 9th. On y^e 25th Feb. I received y^e next—in answer to 383²

Loving Son. I have received Y^{rs}. And M^r P.³ lives now quietly at home wth his wife, and is more attentive about his function yⁿ formerly, and I hear of such conditions, between S^r W: and him, y^t there is no Sign of parting. Y^r Cousin James Brookbank⁴ was buried on X^{mas} Eve, and hath left a widdow and five small children. My brother Thomas Pow⁵ hath been very importunate wth me about a young Schollar of his Brother Sands of Staveley, to write to You about getting him a place either in some Gentlemans house, or Chappel where he might Teach some Schollars, and get something for his livelyhood, if it were but small, for many from a poor beginning, and low condition have attained to a higher. If you Know or hear of any such place let me Know. We are well blessed be God for it, all but Anne who is gone to her Fathers being out of health. I hope my daughter is recovered of her breast. This wth our daily blessing and Prayers to God for you all is all at present from y^r dear Father & mother J : M : Brookbank. Witherslack, Feb. 16. 1704.

On y^e 3^d of March before I was up y^s came to me.

S^r The bearer hereof is a near neighbour to me, and a labourer for me, and a very honest poor man: His wife was last night delivered of a Child, and it is so weak, y^t it is believed it cannot live many hours, and both M^r Brownhil,⁶ and M^r Shirdly^{*} live at such a distance from him, y^t y. think y^e Child will be dead before y. can come to it, and y. live near to a romish priest and have a many papists live about y^m, who wil be apt to perswade y^m to fetch y^s priest. Therefore my humble request to you is, y^t You w^od be pleased to go along wth y^e bearer, to christen his child, & You will lay a very great obligation upon him who is S^r Y^r most humble

¹ Sir Nicholas Shireburn of Stonyhurst (1658-1717), created a Baronet, 1685.

² *i.e.* letter to his father dated 20 Jan., 1704, on p. 383 (of MS.).

³ *i.e.* Mr. Proddy.

⁴ I can find nothing definite as to his precise relationship.

⁵ Apparently a minister in the neighbourhood.

⁶ Nathaniel Brownell was Rector of Halsall from 1683 to 1719. (*V.C.H. Lancs.*)

and obliged serv^t to serve You to y^e to y^e [*sic*] Uttermost of his power Richard Goore. Goore houses¹ March 3th. 1704. It is a little above a mile to his house.

I went immediately. On 5th in y^e Evening y^s came to me

Much Crosby Mar. 5. 170⁴. S^r. I have herewth sent you y^e form for y^e Queens Inauguration, w^{ch} I borrowed a great while ago (I thank You for y^e lone) I designed stil to send it back in time, whether I light on one y^t I might buy or not, M^r Eaton a few weekes since, promised he sho'd furnish me wth one before y^e 8th of y^s Month; You may see by y^s small L^{er} inclosed how I am disappointed; I have yesterday evening copied out a good part of it, & set my sons to write out y^e rest, y^e Collects especially. I was surprized (wⁿ I enquired of some y^t were at Sephton yesterday) y^t y. heard you not give any notice for y^e observing of Thursday—If You please yet to give notice to y^e ringers, y^t y. fall to ring y^t day (as 'tis fit) pretty be time, and yⁿ y^t y^e tolling be considerably long by y^s notice was given at our Chappel, and w^{ch} persons might have accidentally, and if y^e children y^t are taught were bidden to tell at home, probably there might be an indifferent Congregation brought together. I desire to hear in a line or 2 Y^r Resolution, y^t either I may come yⁿ wth most of my family (if nothing fall out extraordinary to hinder us) or may have y^e service at our Chappel—Wth best wishes & service to You & Y^{rs} I am (S^r) Y^r Friend & Bro: John Waring.

My Answer

Sephton M.5. 170⁴. S^r. I design, God willing, to read y^e form you sent me on Thursday next, but had allmost forgot y^e day, and g^o omitted giving publiq notice: In y^e mean time I shall let y^e ringers Know w^t is expected from y^m and on Wednesday shall acquaint y^e people to join wth us on y^e Morrow. We shall be glad to see you and y^{rs} at Sephton, and y^t You may come in time we shall not begin prayers till 10 of y^e Clock. I am S^r y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To my Father.

S. M. 13. 170⁴. S^r. I am glad y^t M^r Proddy attends his Office wth more care yⁿ formerly, and wish he may proceed in well doing, and give no more just occasion of Scandal. I am sorry for my 5 little fatherless cousins, but hope y. have a carefull Mother, & y^t God will provide for y^m all. Unkle Pow may assure himself, y^t I shall never be wanting to serve him or his friend, wⁿ it lies in my power, but at present I can do nothing for his Kinsman. The Chappels here awayes have all preachers at, y^e scholes are supplied. The Gentlemen are Papists. We have a free schole in our parish w^{ch} sends out more schollers yⁿ we can find places for. But if I hear of a want of such an one, I shall let you Know. We are glad you are well, and if A.T. be not yet recovered we wish her a speedy Mends, y^t my Mother may be y^e better spared to be absent for a few weekes; Wife gives her duty to you both; Her breasts are now indifferent well,

¹ A farm in Altcar, held since 1638 by the Gore family (Gibson's *Lydiat Hall*).

but she has but y^e use of one of y^m and y^t does not much abound wth milk. She's perswading me to buy a Cow, and co'd wish Mother wo'd procure her a butter bason, so if she can conveniently. Little John comes on well, but is oft a troublesome Companion especially in bed. We begg y^r blessing for us all, and shall still be desirous to hear from You. Parson R^d has been ill of a Rhumatism, and is not yet well; and M^r Marsden has been rack'd wth y^e gout & stone, but is in a good way of Recovery. This wth duty to you and M^r and love and service to all Friends, concludes from y^r Dutifull son & serv^t T.B.

To my Fr.

Liverpool Ap. y^e 14. 1705. S^r Just now at y^e Post house I found by y^e Newes papers y^t S^r W^m Lowther died some dayes since, and y^t y^e Dutchess Hamilton was brought to bed y^e 4th instant of a son named W^m at Preston. 'Tis confirm'd from White hall, y^t S^r Jo: Leak¹ has taken 2 French ships one of 70 y^e other of 60 guns and 2 of 96 & 90 guns ran a shore and burnt y^m Selves, and one more of 60 is wanting. I am desired to prevail wth Jo: Taylor to make ready as soon as possible 12 chaires, 6 after 14^s y. dozen, and 6 tall back'd ones at his own rate. I begg of You to acquaint him wth y^s & urge him to get y^m ready and send y^m as soon as he can. I hope you are well, and y^t my Mother is either allready on her journey hither or will be shortly. We also begg y^r blessing and prayers, and desire frequently to hear from You. This, wth duty to you both, is from Y^r dutifull S. & Serv^t T.B.

At Liverpool Ap. y^e 28 I received y^s.

Loving son. The Messenger y^t brought me y^r last letter brought also wth it y^e sad newes of y^e death of Tho: Pearson, who on y^e 16th of March, had been at Lancaster w. F.B. & R. St., about some business before y^e Assizes, and as y. were coming homewards, Francis & Rob^t staid a little at Bolton,² and Thomas came on, & unfortunately fell at y^e North end of Warton town, never neither spake nor moved after, breathed till y^e next day, and was buried here on y^e 19th of y^e last, and a very sad funeral we had. I pray God prepare us for our latter ends &c. We have had newes of S^r W^m y^t he hath been in a dropsical disease, But now we hear y^t he is dead at Kensington by London and is to be brought to Cartmel to be buried &c. M^r Prody is out of health. This wth our daily prayers to God for You, y^r Wife & Child (& wth our blessing) is all at present from y^r Parents Jo: Brookbank Mary Brookbank. Witherslack April 13th 1705. The things You wrote for we will send (God willing) on y^e first opportunity. But Ed. Turner's boat is cast away on Furness Sands.

To M^r Smith.

M^r Smith, Y^r refusing to take y^e Mares out of y^e Church yard on Tuesday, put me to y^e trouble of riding to Walton Yesterday, to consult y^e

¹ Sir John Leake (1656-1720), Admiral of the Fleet. The sea fight in question was in Gibraltar Bay. (D.N.B.)

² Bolton-le-sands, about half-way between Lancaster and Carnforth.

Parson about it. He tells me You shall not have it except you can prove y^r title better yⁿ his Law, and gō I desire and begg of You, quietly to put out y^e mares &c. By so doing You will avoid a great deal of trouble and cost and also very much oblige Y^r Sincere Friend T.B. May y^e 3^d. I pray You let me Know w^t You will do.

He complied wth my desire wth out further Trouble. The 4th I writ y^s to W^m Wilson.

W^m. I have for some time been in fear y^t y^r course of life has not been so regular as it ought, and my Suspicious Fear has been encreased by many circumstances of late, as also by divers reports and stories y^t have come to my Ear. I hope all is not true y^t I have heard, yet neither can I believe all is false : But as to y^r particular Actions, bec. I have no personall Knowledge of y^m I leave y^m to God and y^r own Conscience, and shall only offer a few words to y^r Considerⁿ about one Vice, w^{ch} [is] too apt to prevail over young persons. It is Intemperance, a generall name for all sorts of transgressing y^e bounds of Moderation : but two daughters of y^s cursed M^r do more usually lead young Men astray : They are Drunkenness and Impurity, and both these have got new names to deceive wth. D is good fellowship, and Impurity's called good breeding.

But not wth standing y^e Names, The Things y^m selves are very dangerous : No less yⁿ Soul and body are at stake, for either of these sins wth out timely repenting off, and forsaking y^m will certainly bring y^e whole Man to Hell. I need not produce Numbers of Texts to prove y^s, for if You do but attentively read y^r Bible especially y^e N.T. (w^{ch} I earnestly desire you wo'd do) You will find enough to convince you y^t y^s is true : Neither shall I tell You w^t these sins are, but recommend to y^r perusall, y^t excellent book y^e whole duty of Man, where those Sins are laid open ; You may begin at y^e 17. Paragraph of y^e 7th Sunday, and if you wth diligence read to y^e end of y^e 8th Sunday, you cannot but Know enough of these crimes. If You want y^s book You may be supplied wth it from my study. W^t I think my self obliged to do, as most beneficial for You, is to direct you to behave y^r self, wⁿ you are tempted to those sins. My Direction is only y^s, Consider y^e Temptation, and Consider how to avoid it. Consider y^e Temptation. 'Tis in its self but a pitifull momentary pleasure, a mere carnall satisfaction, w^{ch} y^e basest of Men, yea and y^e basest of beasts too, are as capable of as You. Nay more, and worse. Those sort of crimes debase men even lower yⁿ beasts : For brute creatures being only guided by Instinct wil not so abuse y^m selves. And w^t is y^e Satisfaction in these gross pleasures ? Certainly not great, and yet as certainly oft times y. are very destructive both to a Man's reputation, his estate, and his health. I say nothing how valuable a good name is, but every one Knowes how scandalous it is to be a drunkard or a Whore Master. I grant there are many such, yet y^e Number takes not away y^e Reproach y^t attends y^e Crime : To wallow in Vomit and filthiness, to imitate a Madman, to bear Venus's badge, to be loathed and abhorred by all good Men, and at last to dy a beggar, or rot above ground, are y^e Common fruit of these Vices : y. not only rob a Man of his credit, but also of his Estate. They are Costly, true daughters of y^e Horseleach, y^t continually cry Give,

Give : y. have ruin'd more families yⁿ any other thing w^t ever ; In a Word Woman and Wine, as y. were made to be helps to Man (and are so wⁿ not abused) so are they his greatest Enemies, wⁿ he lets his lusts guide him, and wⁿ Appetite (not reason) is his Governour. And truly as y. are naught for goods and good Name, so are y. for health too, They cause many diseases and sundry Kinds of death, w^{ch} every dayes wofull Experience teaches us wth out further proof, and w^{ch} y^e sinners y^m selves readily confess. Such are These Temptations in y^m Selves, and in y^r natural and common effects, and yet infinitely worse wth respect to God. Every sin of y^s Nature is a professed rebellion agst God ; 'Tis an open afront to his purity & holiness, a Wilfull contempt of his Lawes, a despight to his holy Sp^t & a provoking him to take vengeance as he sometimes did on Sodom and Gomorrah. But I search no further into y^e nature of these worse yⁿ beastly, worse yⁿ Devilish Sins : 'Twill be better to consider how to avoid y^m. Now y^e best and surest rule is Immediately to reject y^s Temptation wⁿ ever it offers itself : and to do y^s effectually tell y^r Soul, y^s you renounced at baptism, and now to comply wth it is to renounce Hⁿ and become y^e Devils slave. Think God's ey is fully fixt on You, y^t now he tries You, y^t You may approve y^r Self, y^t He will reward you according as you resist or embrace y^s Temptation, That for ought You Know, He may Kill you in y^e very act of Sin, and so send You straight to Hel, or y^t He may not give you grace to repent, who so wilfully have despised it. Let y^e thoughts of Hⁿ & Hel and of y^t dreadfull Judgm^t where we must all appear, be ever ready to beat off all such Temptations, and be allwayes fully perswaded of y^s, y^t if you heartily endea^v^r to resist y^e Devil He will be forced to fly from You. There are many such Considerations as these to confirm you agst Temptation, to all w^{ch} and all other means You can use forget not to add fervent prayer to God to enable You to overcome, And remember also to avoid, as much as possible, all Occasions of Sin, as Idleness, evil company &c. Thô at present you have no great business upon y^r hands, You may however find Enough to do, and far better Employ yⁿ You can possibly meet wth at y^e Ale house, how innocent soever you may live there. There are good good bookes great store in y^r ——— [illegible] for you to read, and if You improv'd y^r writing or casting of Accounts &c. it wo'd be commendable, & make you stil y^e more fit for some profitable Employ. You may assure Y^r Self, I sho'd assist you, w^t I can, and sho'd be glad You wo'd be more free in our house, Especially y^t You wo'd come and Joyn wth us in our Common prayers. Y^r Youthfull Temper may think y^s some confinem^t but wo'd you a little accustome y^r Self to't, and to a more regular way of living You wo'd find y^e effects of it in a short time, to be very happy & delightfull too. There is no greater pleasure on Earth, yⁿ y^s Enjoym^t of a peacefull Conscience ; 'Tis a continual feast of substantial Joyes, vastly more satisfying yⁿ all y^e brutal Enjoym^{ts} of sense & Matter. Let me as a friend desire You and prevail to try y^e Experim^t for some time : Live, at least for a season, as if You were going to dy (as you are for ought You Know) I mean live as you wo'd desire wⁿ death comes y^t you had lived all y^r dayes : live retired from y^r usual Haunts, and converse wth y^r offended God : Humble y^r self before him, acknowledge y^r great sins, earnestly sue for pardon, resolve by his grace to live better, & strive to escape his wrath, w^{ch} will destroy impenitent Sinners. I am in earnest,

W^m, and wo'd have you to be so too, and sho'd be glad to hear you cry out w^t shall I do to be saved ? and ready wth my best power to teach you y^e good way, and assist you to walk therein. You must not think y^t y^r profession of X^{ty} will save you, you must add thereto y^e Practice also : To y^r Faith add Vertue and all X^{an} Graces. Let me, I beseech you, hear no more ill reports of You, nor give y^e W^{ld} any just cause to accuse you. Have regard to y^r Relations y^t you be no scandal to y^m. pity y^r M^r whose heart you have so oft fill'd wth Sorrow : Look at Futurity, w^t an Extravagant life leads to, to disgrace, want, misery ; sometime to dishonest Practices, and so on to a shamefull Death : Look further yet, to y^e fury of an incensed Deity, y^e vengeance of God, and y^e Unsufferable Torments y^t shall forever be y^e wofull Companions of those who make God y^r Enemy. If none of those things can move you, Know there are swords in y^e Magistrates hands, and y. do not bear y^m in vain : There's also a spiritual sword to cut of from y^e body of X^t every unsound member, every wilfull obstinate Sinner. But I will hope well of You, and not believe $\frac{1}{2}$ those evil Things y^t are noised about : Or if you have been loose and Extravagant I hope You will become otherwise, consider y^r wayes and be wise, and by a sober honest, & inoffensive Conversation stop these Mouths y^t are opened agst You, and convince y^e W^{ld} y^t you are a X^{an} not in name only but in deed and in truth This is from y^r Friend T.B.

W^t followes came to me y^e 9th of Ap.

Kind Sir, After our love to you, hoping you are in good health, we desire You, to preach a funerall Sermon tomorrow for Elizabeth Harrison, who desired her Text to be Eccles. 12. 1. or Psal. 38 : 9. 10 whether you please, from Richard Harrison & John Huson.

I preached on Eccles. 12.1.

For M^{rs} Ann Turnley in Newcastle.

Sephton June y^e 5th 1705. Dear Cousin, Y^r obliging letter from York we received and my Wife return'd you an Answer, w^{ch} we imagine never reach'd you : This & convenience of Carriage tempted me to give you y^e trouble hereof, fancying you'l willingly spare two minutes to Know how we do at Sephton. Since we saw you we have been in good health Excepting some small Indispositions not worth remembrance. At present my wife complains a little of sore Eyes, and of two sharp teeth in her son John's upper chaul, w^{ch} y^s young Gentleman sometimes makes use off to try her patience : The few acquaintances you had here have frequently enquired after you, and I believe wo'd be glad to hear of y^r Welfare, but we sho'd all be more glad to enjoy y^r Company again at y^s place, tho for many reasons we dare scarce hope y^t. 'Tis possible you may visit Lancashire once more ; if You do, you'l do us wrong if you think to meet wth any more hearty welcom, yⁿ you may at Sephton. I sho'd say somew^t to y^e thankfull part of y^r letter, but not being skilled in Complement. I'l but bluntly tell you, you were to blame to return so many thanks to us, who are so very much obliged to You. I tell you nothing of Unkles Kindness, bec. he has given me no great occasion : Wⁿ he is liberal, we shall be

thankfull. I thank God, we have other friends, or our fare wo'd be worse. I fear he is lead wrong not only in y^e profession of Religion, but also as to y^e Principles of Morality and Natural affection. God give us all grace to see and forsake our Errors. I have not room to add much more, gō abruptly conclude (wth hearty love & service, and a desire frequently to hear from you) Y^r obliged friend, Kinsman, & serv^t T.B.

To Father

Seph. June y^e 9. 1705. S^r. We have wth some Impatience expected my M^r at y^s place. but she not coming we fear all's not well wth you : This and some other business will cause y^e end of y^s or beginning of next month a Journey into y^e North wth hopes y^t my Mo^r may return back wth me to see her Grandson, who is a good hearty lad. He comes on very well and has got 2 or 3 teeth. Y^{rs} of Ap. y^e 13. we received, as also 3 basons from Rob^t Canny, for w^{ch} we thank You. My Wife gives her duty to you both, and wo'd be glad to see M^r here : You may believe y^e same of Y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B. I must accompany M^r Marsden, but I Know not yet where I must preach : if Mo. come shortly hither, I shall possibly return back wth her.

This I had at Liverpool June y^e 9th

Brother—Having this opportunity to send you a line or two, is to acquaint you y^t y^e Drawers cannot come but in a cart, for we have made tryal to pack y^m, and no wayes can be done to send y^m upon horse-back. I desire You to let me Know whether or no you co'd meet us wth a Cart any day y^e next weekes : I will willingly come to Tarleton to y^e sign of y^e Fox, as I can get back again y^e same day, or if it be farther to Rufford ¹ I shall be willing. This is y^e 3^d letter I have sent You since my wife was wth you, and never had any from you, pray be pleased to let me have a line by y^s bearer, whether or no you can meet us at either of those places, for y^e next weekes they shall come if please God. Our service to You and Sister hoping You are in good health as we are at present, and many thanks to you for my Wife. I design to come over y^e next month and fetch y^r wife and son John into Yorkshire. So I rest y^r Brother to oblige W^m Chippendell. From Bashel June y^e 6 day 1705. We send you y^r Turkeys.

My Answer.

Seph. June y^e 11. 1705. Brother, On Saturday at Liverpool I received Y^{rs} w^{ch} was y^e first I had from you Since sister was here, w^{ch} will excuse me for not answering before. I have prevail'd wth a Neighbour to come wth a Cart to y^e Fox by Tarleton next Friday ab^t 10 or 11 a Clock who will receive y^e Drawers if you'l please to get y^m thither by y^t time. I thank You for y^r Kind proffer to fetch my Wife and son into Yorkshire, but Know not how so young a child sho'd travail so far ; at best he wo'd be mighty troublesome both on y^e road and at y^e house ; Indeed I believe my Wife had much rather be at Bashel yⁿ at Sephton in my absence, but I Know not yet wⁿ I shall be for y^e North, whether y^s month or y^e Next,

¹ Rufford is about 4 miles S. of Tarleton, and about 5 N. of Ormskirk.

& Perhaps she might come at an other time, to be more usefull to her sister. No thanks are due to us, but many to you for y^r Wife, and wⁿ it lies in our power we shall not be wanting to make some return. My Serv^t was saying you co'd wish y^r son wth us: If you have such a desire, you may send him wⁿ you please, and Chuse y^r own conditions. We thank God for health, thò my wife has complain'd of sore Eyes, and John is somew^t Uneasy (we Suppose) wth a 4th tooth. This (with our good wishes for you all together wth love & service) concludes from y^r obliged Friend & B: T.B.:

This came next.

Bashall June y^e 14 day. 1705. Brother—I received y^{rs} and am glad You appointed Friday, for yesterday I got but y^e Letter. I have sent y^e Drawers, and I hope y. will come safe to You, for we have taken all y^e Care we can to send y^m wth out bruising or crushing of y^m. my Wife hath been very uneasy, y^t y. did not come according as she promised. I desire y^r Excuse, for we have been very throng, and my horse hath got a hurt and is but now well of it, and we live near good Neighbours, for if they have any of their own, y. may do well otherwise be bout.¹ I thank You for my Son of w^t you write in y^r letter, and I shall be very willing to send him, if he can do You any servis. My Sister was saying you had some thoughts of having one by reason as your Concerns falls out so, and I hope y^t he will be free and Willing to do any thing you put him to; for my own part I will ever think my self obliged to you wⁿ he hath any time, y^e wo'd be pleased to let him mind his book, and learn to Write and read Writing: I shall send him Cloaths, and to my power any thing Else shall not be wanting. I sho'd be glad to see you wⁿ you take y^r Journey to y^e North; If I was Certain I wo'd meet you at Preston, or Else where, and as for my sister and y^r Son I shall be very free to come over for y^m thinking no trouble at all. Desiring a line from You how they got to Sephton wth the Drawers. Our servis to you and sister wishing you health as we are at present, I rest Y^r Brother to Oblige W. Chippindell Direct y^r Letter to be left for me at Henry Shepherds in Preston, near the Toulbar in Churchgate. The wheel is in one of y^e Drawers and a letter for y^r Wife.

To Br. Chippindell.

Seph. June y^e 23. 1705. Bro. This may inform you y^t y^e Chist of Drawers &c came safe to y^s place, y^e day you sent y^m and y^t we shall not send y^e cloth y. were wrapt in, 'till some of you come hither. I wo'd sooner have written but y^t I Know not wⁿ we sho'd begin our Northern Journey: 'Tis now fixt for Thursday next, but I cannot hope to see you by y^e way, bec. You will scarce receive y^s in time, and also I believe we shall not call at Preston. I sho'd be glad to see you, but if y^r business wth me be any money matter, I cannot help You: I have little of my own & Father has use for w^t he has; He is both building y^s year & buying land as my Mother tells me. we shall now be expecting y^r son every day, who

¹ i.e. be without (Lancashire Dialect).

in my absence wo'd be a good Companion for my wife. We are all well, and wish you & y^{rs} like Condition w^{ch} (wth love & service from my self & W.) concludes from y^r obliged Bro. T.B.

To M^r Wareing.

Seph. June y^e 23. 05. S^r. I am desired to acquaint you from y^s Parson y^t he depends on You to supply at Walton on Sunday y^e first of July He designing to officiate here y^t day and M^r Marsden and I in y^e North. I believe I shall be absent about a fortnight, in w^{ch} time I hope you will be so Kind as to do my Duty if any thing Extraordinary fall out: This will much oblige M^r Marsden, on whose business I go, and shall be esteemed a great fav^r by S^r Y^r obliged friend & humble Serv^t T.B.

We began our Journey y^e 28th and lodged y^t night at Lancaster: next morning we passed y^e sands, and at Rob^t Canny's house I writ y^s.

Lindel y^e 29. at 12 a clock. 1705. My Dear. If y^s reach you, it will tell You I am got safe over Sands: We came to Lancaster last night, about half an hour too late for so long it rain'd upon us, & continued raining very fast most part of y^e night. I called at Westfield, & saw Mo^r and met wth Father just in Wyer. I called also at y^r old M^{rs}, but think y^t good old Couple will not be for a Journey: The M^r has been and is ill of a gathering. This is by Rob^t Canny in my way home, so y^t I cannot yet tell You y. are all well at Witherslack more yⁿ by hearsay. I sent Alice's letter away y^s morning I am Y^{rs} T.B. Bid Jack be a good lad. My Mo^r called at Westfield.

After my Return to Sephton, I writ these.

To Madam Braddyl at Conishead. Seph. July y^e 14th 1705. Madam, One great part of my Business over y^e Sands y^e last week, was to wait on y^r Ladyship, and I sho'd have been much more glad to have seen you very well at Conishead, yⁿ to hear you were indifferent at Millam.¹ I made bold in y^r house, and met with such courteous, and obliging Entertainment. as I have heretofore plentifully found. M^r Braddyl received me wth his wonted Goodness and Freedom, and amongst other Discourse was pleased to say somew^t of M^r Proddie's Negligence at Cartmell. I was indeed sorry to hear y^e Evil Reports y^t are spread abroad of y^e Man, and hope You'l believe me more a X^{an} yⁿ to wish him Evil in Expectation of some good to my Self: yet if He sho'd be ejected, pardon my Ambition if it fill me wth desires to succeed him; and pardon my great boldness also in begging y^r Assistance (Madam) if such a Thing sho'd happen. I am told y^e Power of Nomination will be in Mad^m Preston & M^r Braddyl, but truly I had not Confidence to open my Mouth to either of y^m, neither sho'd I have had Courage enough, to let you Know y^s much of my mind, but thrò y^e convenience of y^s fearless Interpreter. This, wth all due Thanks for y^r repeated Favours, and wth humblest service to y^r whole Family, concludes y^s present Trouble From (Mad^m) y^r most humble & obliged serv^t T.B.

¹ Millom, a village in Cumberland about 8 miles W. of Barrow-in-Furness.

For M^r Swainson Vicar of Urswick.

Sephton July y^e 14, 1705. M^r Swainson, I was as near You as Conishead very lately, but had not good time to wait on You, thō sorry to hear at Ulverston of y^r Indisposition. I presume if I had seen you, you wo'd have paid me y^t guinea w^{ch} is due to me as part of my wife's portion: but if you'l please to pay it to M^r Edmonson of Ulverston, He'l take care to convey it To y^r humble serv^t T.B.

These two I enclosed in w^t followes. To M^{rs} Edmondson in Ulverston. id.

Dear Cousin. I am not Insensible of y^r frequent Kindnesses, but in stead of a just return I desire y^e continuation of y^m: I was partly blamed by some friends for not making application to M^r Braddyl Concerning Cartmel, and gō have writ y^e Enclosed to his Lady, w^{ch} I desire you & M^r Edmondson to peruse, and if you think it convenient seal it & send it to her; and also y^s note to M^r Swainson and receive y^e gold wⁿ it comes. I returned hither y^e 11th and found my little family well, but y^t my son was somew^t uneasy in his teeth as we thought. Pray give mine, and my wifes love & service to M^r Edmondson, Cos. Clayton, M^r Wildman &c., & accept y^e same from Y^r very much obliged Friend & Kinsman T.B.

All these I enclosed in these To my Father. id.

S^r I came to y^s place in good time and very well. At Ormskirk I was bid to prepare a sermon agst next day for a young wife, who died, much after y^e manner of Cousin Crosfield. Little John had been uneasy for some days, we imagine wth his Teeth; If you think fit you may convey enclosed to Cos. Edmonson, cutting y^r own letter off and sealing y^e rest up in a piece of Paper. Wife gives her duty to you both, and Thanks to Mo^r for y^e Lace, and sayes Mary Hodson was here last Sunday. She receiv'd my Letter on Tuesday following. I am y^r dutifull Son & Serv^t T.B.

This I received at Liverpool August y^e 17th:

Loving son and daughter. Y^{rs} I had, and sent y^e enclosed as directed. We have sent you y^e beef and berries by Rob^t Canny. M^r P. was on Tuesday last in Cartmel market beholding y^e Mountebank. The Chaires are not ready. D^r Witham is here, and tells me y^t my Lord Molineux,¹ and he were together in Yorkshire, for their sons go together to school about Ripley, and he commended you to my Lord, who said y^t you did not come to see him, so y^t I think you might do well sometime to go to visit him. My Sister Margaret is very sick and weak. This (wth our blessing and daily prayers for you all) is all at present from y^r Parents J : M : Brookbanke. Witherslack, Aug. 10. 1705.

¹ William, 4th Viscount Molyneux (d. 1713). He mar. Bridget, dau. of Robert Lucy of Charlecote, and had five sons. The boys' school may have been at Raventofts, an old Catholic mission, between Ripley and Ripon. At this epoch the Lords Molyneux had property at Bardsey, in Furness.

My Answer.

August y^e 27. 05. S^r I am glad my last reach'd you, and y^t you have sent y^e enclosed as directed, but whether y. will produce any good Effects I Know not. M^r Marsden has been wth y^e B^p. since his return, who tells him He had writ to Mad^m Preston, y^t he wo'd proceed agst M^r Prody, and recommended me to her : she return'd him thanks, but did not so much as mention my Name. I perceive by M^r Marsden she wo'd not have M^r P. ejected for his wife's sake, but had rather some one sho'd be appointed to serve y^e cure for part of y^e Benefit : This M^r Marsden acquainted y^e Pat. wth and y^e result was, y^t I sho'd be y^e Man & serve for one half of y^e Sallery, on promise to succeed wⁿ M^r P. goes off ; if y^s will not be agreed to, yⁿ y^e B^p will proceed to ejection. M^r Marsden has given M^m Preston an account of y^s but w^t she says to it I Know not. My L^d Mol^x¹ is too Great for my Acquaintance. My wife is indifferent well and gives her duty to you both, and our boy thrives in y^s world, and is very hearty. I have bought 11½ y of Hogaback² at 8½^d p yard w^{ch} my M^r will receive shortly, but her Ring wo'd not half pay for^t for I co'd get but 3^s 1^d for it.

To Unkle Turnley at Sparth To be left wth M^r Giles Bolton in Blackburn

Seph. Sep. y^e 14th 1705. S^r 'Tis now a great while since we heard from you and gō I make bold to give You y^e Trouble of y^s to desire two lines to inform us of y^r health. Since I writ last we have been moderately well, and (I thank God) so continue. Indeed my Wife has been sometime indisposed w^{ch} we believe was occasioned by y^e paines shee took wth her son, who growes very well, and is a hearty child, but wth all requires a great deal of attendance, and is allmost above her strength : she gives her duty to you both, and is desirous to Know where Cos. An. Turnley is if you can tell her, we have not heard from her since she left us thō we have writ to her. I am in some haste and gō am forced to conclude somew^t abruptly wth duty to you both Y^r obliged Nephew. T.B. I was in y^e North y^s Summer, & Knew not w^t answer to give my Parents to some Questions y. asked me, onely told y^m I hoped to resolve y^m in a little Time. my service to M^r Jolly.

On y^e 27 of Sep^r my Wife and I rid to Walton & y^e Vicar show'd me some Letters about M^r Prody & Cartmel & thought it convenient for me to write to Mad^m Preston & M^r Brady^l w^{ch} I did as followes.

To Madam Preston at Holkar. Sept. 29. 1705. Y^r experienced Goodness emboldens me to be Again troublesome to y^r Ladyship, to begg y^e continuance of y^t Favour and good Opinion, w^{ch} I sometime hoped You had of me ; I plead no merit : All I lay claim to is honesty, and a sincere desire to serve You, and (if You think me fit) y^r Parish, wⁿ there shall be Occasion. I have some confidence y^t I may be usefull at Cartmel ; The Genius of y^e People is not unknown to me, nor am I wholly ignorant of y^e Method y. were used to by y^r late carefull Pastor³ who died too soon

¹ Molyneux.² Huckaback.³ Vicar Armstrong.

for me as well as y^m and every body but himself. I say nothing of his, or another as great a Friends opinion of me (whose loss we have stil to lament) nor do I urge y^e Kind thoughts of good Men yet alive : All I offer to y^r Ladyship is only, That I am sure I have a hearty design to do good, and if it shall please You to nominate me to y^t Church, wⁿ there shall be a vacancy, I doubt not but I shall give You convincing proofs of w^t I say, and y^t I am (Madam) Y^r humble & obedient serv^t T.B.

To M^r Jⁿo Braddyl at Conishead.

Sephton, Sep. 29. 1705. S^r. I have oft flattered my self wth y^e pleasing Imagination of y^r friendship and good Opinion, and 'twas y^r repeated Kindness & concern for me y^t occasion'd it ; I cannot but gratefully remember y^e freedom of y^r house & Conversation, y^e great Trouble I have frequently put upon You and y^r Family, y^r Endeavours for me concerning Ulverston, and desire for my Advancem^t ever since I had y^e happiness to be Known to you : All w^{ch} give me Encouragm^t to hope for y^e Continuance of your Favour, and y^t You will not be wanting to help me to y^t Preferm^t w^{ch} sometime You have wish'd me. I need not explain my Self, You Know 'tis y^e Church of Cartmel I mean, w^{ch} I am inform'd will shortly be vacant : And Since y^e Power of Nomination, is lodged wth You and Madam Preston, 'tis my earnest Desire You wo'd please to Nominate me. S^r I very much rely upon You, and hope if You shall think fit to appoint me to serve y^t Cure, You shall never have Occasion to repent it. Wth hearty Thanks, and humble Service to y^r Self, y^r Lady, M^{rs} Dodding, and your whole Family, I rest S^r Y^r much obliged & very humble serv^t T.B.

These two letters I carried to y^e Post office y^e same day, and at y^e black horse met wth y^s y^t follows

Loving son—These lines come to tell You, y^t we have received y^e Hoggaback, and the Chaires were carried to Rob^t Canny to Lindale on Thursday y^e 13th day of y^s instant September, and doubt not, but y^t they will be at Liverpool wth all speed possible, for he is both provided wth a Carriage of Mault from hence, and wth Merchant goods from thence. They are not varnished, I paid 18 Shillings for y^m. I have a Brief sent for y^e building of all S^{ts} Church in Oxford, and in y^e end of it there is an Advertisement to y^e Clergy to give an Acc^{nt} of all y^e Churches and Chappells, and of all Pious persons y^t have been Benefactors since y^e Reformation &c. I desire to Know w^t y^e Clergy wth You do in it. My Sister Margaret died shortly after my last to you, M^r P: seldom preaches. The Parish hath been well served y^s moneth by M^r Barrow * Michael Barrow's son of Browedge who came down from London to see his Relations. But he is now gone for London. Rob^t Rownson is here from London. The Carriage for y^e chaires is not paid. This (wth our blessing & daily prayers for you, y^r Wife and Son) is all at present from y^r parents J M Brookbanke. Witherslack Sep^t 21. 1705.

Next Morning y^s came to my hands.

S^r I receiv'd Yours wth two inclosed w^{ch} I sent according as you desired, and we both thought it very fit to make y^r Friends acquainted wth y^r design, I hope it may have a good effect; For my spouse fell into a discourse today wth M^r Braddyl who was complaining of y^e Mismanagm^t of M^r Prody, and seem'd to find fault y^e Bishop should suffer him to continue: He was wishing the Parish might have a good sober parson to take care of y^m. my husband named You, and he seemed to approve of it, and said You sho'd have his Interest, and he did believe you wo'd have a fair push for it: So I thought fit to acquaint You, y^t You might make w^t further Interest you thought fit, but take not Notice of our being y^r Friends in it. I hear nothing of y^e Guinea from y^e other Person, I hope it will be ready wⁿ you come into y^s Country. My husband and Neece give y^{ir} service to You and Cosin Brookbank. I wish all health and happiness to You & Yours, being in all Sincerity S^r Y^r most humble servant & Kinswoman E. Edmondson. Sep. y^e 13. 1705.

On y^e 3^d of October a gentleman brought me y^s Letter unseal'd

Croston ¹ October y^e 1st. 1705. Rev^{end} S^r. I hear you want a school-master at Sephton, and I here make bold to trouble You wth a line or two in behalf of my Brother, w^m I dare say You'l find qualified for y^e place, to w^{ch} if You'l prefer him I should omit no Opportunity of serving You, and endeavour to show upon all Occasions my gratefull Acknowledgm^{ts} of ye same. This wth my Service to M^{rs} Brookbank is all from, Revnd S^r Y^r Serv^t to comānd M: Bell.*

I gave a verball answer to y^s That we wanted no School m^r. Next day I received y^s

Newcastle October (for 7^r) 24 day 1705. Dear Cousin—I received y^r Letter w^{ch} was very acceptable to me, but was very long in coming, it was above a Month in coming, but I was glad wⁿ I got it, to hear of all y^r good health, w^{ch} I had long looked for, and would ever wish it. I am glad to hear John is so fine a boy, and hope he has not lost his pap, tho' it be not so good a One. pray my dear Love and service to her, and I would gladly tell her w^t I would do, but cannot resolve w^t to do yet, for I do not love Newcastle at all, for it is very unhealthfull, so wo'd leave it at Martinmass, but my Aunt tells me I may talk of going if I will, but I fancy she will not let me come so soon away from her; for indeed y^s publick business makes me Keep my Room more yⁿ is convenient for me. I had a letter from Aunt Turnley y^e day I received Yours. They are allwayes in Want and so I fear will remain, wⁿ they sho'd do good to y^{ir} Relations, so we must begg of God to be content wth our Own. So Dear Cousin my service to all my Acquaintance, and I hope to live to see You and y^m again, for I never liked any place so well in my life but York. so must conclude wth dear Love and service Y^{rs} to command Ann Turnley. You may direct to me at M^r Joseph Wetherburns in y^e Flesh-Market, near S^t Nicholas's

¹ A parish and village about 8 miles S.W. of Preston.

church in Newcastle upon Tyne. Pray let me hear from You as soon as you have a leisure Minit for me, and I will not forget dear Cousins request wⁿ I get any receipts worth her doing.

The foregoing letters I thus answered.

To M^{rs} Ellen Edmondson in Ulverston. S. Oct. y^e 5. 1705. Cousin, I give you a thousand Thanks for y^e care & trouble You so readily undertake on my account, and for y^r Kind letter I received last Sunday, w^{ch} gave me new assurance of y^r Concern for me, and desire of our welfare. I am glad to find M^r Braddyl so well disposed, but sorry he sho'd still be harping on y^e old unpleasant string of accusing our good Bishop, who (I am confident and not wth out reason) is mightily troubled about Cartmel. He has writ many letters about it to Mad^m Preston and Others, and is resolved to do his best to cast out M^r P. But he can do nothing except y^e parish will joyn wth him, and send him up some Evidence, to prove those Crimes w^{ch} are so talked on. He has mentioned me to M^m Preston, and y^s last week I writ both to her and M^r Braddyl: w^t end y^s matter will have We shall probably Know e'r long. Be pleas'd (dear Cousin) to give our hearty service & Love to M^r Edmondson and y^r Neece, and accept y^e same from Y^r much obliged humble serv^t T.B.

To M^{rs} Anne Turnley &c.

S. Oct. y^e 5. 1705. Dear Cousin, Y^r Kind letter came to us yesterday w^{ch} was truly wellcome, for we have longed a great while to hear from You: But we fear it left You not in a state of perfect health, and co'd wish You in another place, in a more wholesom Air: you may be sure so long as we have ought to do at Sephton you may command there, and sho'd you come to Keep us Company this winter, it might be for y^r health and (I hope) satisfaction. We have some Thoughts of removing, but I can tell you little of it yet, however I think it will not be (if Ever) til towards y^e spring. My wife is indifferent hearty now She has wean'd her son, who takes very well wth y^e Loss of his pap: He came home from waining but yesterday, and thrives very well, and is a hearty lad. I think all y^r Acquaintance here are well. This (wth my Wife's & my hearty Love & Respects wth desires to hear frequently from you) concludes at present from Y^r Sincere friend and Kinsman T.B. My wife talks of going to see her sister, who is about to lie in: and yⁿ she will visit Sparth. She gives her service to y^r Aunt.

To my Father.

S. Oct. y^e 5th. S^r. I Know little w^t y^e clergy will do about y^e Advertisement in All S^{ts} Brief: 'Tis a request no command, so y^t you may do as you please in it; but I sho'd think it convenient, to give a short answer to y^e several Enquiries on y^e backside as I design to do. I believe y^e B^p is Resolved to eject M^r P. if possible, and to get me to supply y^t cure: He has named me to Mad^m Preston, and y^e last week I writ to her & M^r Braddyl, on M^r Marsden's advice, who does w^t he can to bring me to Cartmel. I am informed by Letter from Cos. Ellen Edmondson of Ulverston, y^t M^r Braddyl is for me: But w^t y^e event will be is uncertain yet. Our

Son came home from weaning yesterday, and is very hearty & wel, and my wife is better since he left Sucking, yⁿ she was some time before. &c.

The Next came to me on y^e 11.

October y^e 4 day 1705. Brother. I received my Sons¹ Letter, and these are to acquaint You y^t my wife was delivered of a son upon Wednesday being y^e 3^d of y^s Instant betwixt one and two of y^e clock. She began on Monday to be ill and continued very badly til y^e time she was lighter. She gives her Service to you both, and her blessing to her Son, and sho'd be very glad to see y^r Wife & son and Robert in Yorkshire if y^e season be not too cold. I writ to my son y^t I design'd to come over to fetch y^m but I am disapointed by reason my horse I lent to London to a Bro^r y^t is gone thither, however if I was possitive of y^r wife's coming I wo'd meet y^m at Longton at y^e Ale house where I met you wth my wife. I hope y^s letter will reach you on saturday, and if You co'd get y^r letter to Preston agst Weddensday morning & direct it for me, to come by S^r Nicholas Sherburn's boy, I shall have it y^t day: and if they design to come I will meet y^m when I Know y^e time, y^e place my Letter will satisfy you—We are all well, and my Wife rests pretty well a times I praise y^e Lord for it. So I rest Y^r Brothir to serve Willm Chippendell.

My wife took horse y^e next day for Yorkshire, and on y^e 17^o a special Messenger brought me this

Portfield ² Oc^r y^e 16. 705. [*sic*]. S^r I had a letter from You not long since intimating y^r desires after C: Church—I communicated y^t letter to Madam Preston to w^m you are obliged. That place is now in a forlorn Condition, & 4 or 5 Sundays Successively no Sermon has been preached—I have engaged our Neighbouring Ministers to officiate there for some few Sundayes, but y^t cannot last long, and y^e B^p I find has sequestred part of y^e Revenue in order y^t a diligent Man supply y^e place till further proceedings be made agst y^e present Curate. Since my Coming hither I recd a letter from Madam Preston who desired me write to You, y^t she thought it Convenient You immediately came over as it were a Journey to see y^r Friends and so took y^e Opportunity to officiate a few Sundayes, y^r Cure being Supplied by M^r Richmonds leave in y^r Absence. I must secretly caution you not to bring any recommendatory Letter from y^e B^p he having writt far enough on y^t head allready, and had you been a stranger y^r Interest had been hazzarded. I expect from you y^t both w^t I write and y^t y^e Occasion of y^r Journey be equally a privacy from Every body. I shall return in 8 or 10 dayes, and longer yⁿ y^e next week I cannot advise you to deferr y^r Journey. Remember to thank Madam Preston for y^s Kind Intimation, and let y^r Adresses be solely to her. I might have forwarded y^s by y^e post, but for fear of a failure I put You to y^e Charge of a Messenger. I am wth all Respect Y^r humble Serv^t John Braddyll.

¹ Robert.

² Braddyll's house in Whalley parish, and about a mile from that village.

My Answer by y^e same bearer

Oct. 17. 05. S^r I am infinitely obliged to you for all y^r Favours, but especially y^r last, w^{ch} is such an Evidence of y^r Esteem, as I Know not how to express : and sho'd I not willingly be advised by You in w^t so much tends to my Advantage, I might be thought not Ungratefull only but stupid. S^r I shall take y^s first Opportunity to Cross y^e Sands, w^{ch} cannot be before next week, and yⁿ wait on Madam Preston, and endeavour to observe her commands. I had a Jealousy y^e B^{ps} recommending me to her wo'd not be for my Interest but I did not so much as intimate to his Lordship y^t I desired such a thing from him, however I hope it may be no great let in my way. I shall Keep y^s affair as Secret as I can, but M^r Ric^d must needs guess at y^s matter, Since M^r Marsden has given him some Intimation of it. Wth humblest Service to all my good Friends at Conishead, & Portfield I rest S^r Y^r very much obliged humble Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Waring.

Seph. Octob. 20. 1705. S^r. It was my design to have waited on You at Crosby, to begg y^e Favour of y^r Assistance while I am abroad, but business permits me not, and gō I give you y^e Trouble of y^s Sollicitor, hoping it may prevail wth you to supply for me if there be any extraordinary Occasion. I Know y^r Unwillingness to preach in our Church, and gō desire not y^t of You ; but only y^t You wo'd please to bury Christen &c if you be desired. Y^r Occasionall answering y^s Request will be a further obligation upon S^r Y^r allready much obliged humble Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Kippax.¹ id.

S^r. My wife has been for some time in Yorkshire wth her Relations and I have a desire to see how she and they do, especially since other business calls me y^t way into Westmorland : I design to begin my Journey on Tuesday but Know not how long my Affaires may detain me abroad, and gō, lest I sho'd not return e^r Sunday y^e 11 of Nov^r I beg You wo'd please to give y^r Curate leave to officiate for me at Sephton y^t day, if You hear nothing from me before. I also desire two words in answer to y^s by y^e bearer or to be left at y^e Talbot where I shall call somew^t early on Tuesday Morning. This will very much oblige S^r Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

To M^r Gill.

Seph. Oct. 20. 1705. M^r Gill. Y^e Chaires have been in Liverpool for some time, at one Hodsons, at y^e Sign of y^e George by y^e Water side : I thought they wo'd have been here e^r this but they not coming it may be y^e best way to send for y^m thither ; I Know not w^t must be paid for Carriage, but y^e Chaires from y^e workman cost my Father 18^s. If you please to send so much Money by y^e Bearer, or leave it at y^e Talbot I shall early

¹ Archippus Kippax was curate of Prestwich in 1691. He became Vicar of Ormskirk, 12 Apr. 1692, and was Archdeacon of Man from 1696 to 1700. He was buried at Ormskirk, 6 May, 1718 (*V.C.H. Lancs.*).

on Tuesday Morning receive it and convey it into y^e North. The Chairs are not varnished, but you are allowed very sufficiently for y^t in y^e Price. Wth service to y^r self and M^{rs} Gill I conclude Y^r assured Friend T.B.

On y^e 21st y^s came to me

S^r I was speaking to M^r Atherton about y^e business, and he told me, y^t you might depend either upon himself or me, for he wo'd take care y^r Place sho'd be supplied upon y^e day appointed. So I remain Y^{rs} to command Tho: Welch. Liverpool 8ber 20. 1705.

On y^e 23^d Early I began my Journey for y^e North, but met wth nothing at Ormskirk, but a verbal answer from M^r Kippax, y^t he was to be at Alker ¹y^e 11^o of Nov^r, y^{nee} to Croston where I was disappointed, so to Horse-hey where I hoped to have found my wife & horse, but y. were gone, I persued to Westfield to no more purpose yⁿ before, for They were return'd to Sephton y^e same day I left it, and at Ormskirk my wife met wth w^t I mist 18^s for chaires. From Westfield I writ to her & M^r Marsden, & sent y^m by My Fathers boy

To M^r Marsden

Claughton near Garstang Oct. 24. 1705. S^r I make no Apology for y^s Trouble, you having given me leave to put s^h upon You, but acquaint you y^t M^r Atherton will take care for a Supply at Sephton y^e 4^o of Nov. but I have procured no one for y^e 11th. I writ to M^r Kippax on Munday, & on Tuesday morning I received his answer at Ormskirk y^t he was pre-engaged: Thence I rid to Croston, & M^r Bell tells me he has no liberty, for M^r Pilkington ² is not able to do y^e whole Duty; Thus disappointed I have only You to rely on, who I hope will prevail wth some good body to officiate for me. I design to wait on Madam Preston to Morrow [but my designs were frustrated as will appear] and shall acquaint You wth w^t she sayes y^e first opportunity, and in y^e mean time take y^e freedom to subscribe my self S^r Y^r very humble serv^t T.B.

To my Wife. id.

Betty, I went out of y^e way to seek for a Supply, or sho'd possibly have met you yesterday: last night I lodged at Horse hey, and now am here on my way into y^e North: y^e occasion of y^s Journey You may learn out of my book of letters. How long I design to stay You may Know by y^e enclosed, w^{ch} give wth my humble service to M^r Marsden. You'll find money to pay Nic Shepherd, if he call, and for other uses. I sho'd think it convenient to sel some apples, but management of affaires, I leave to y^r discretion. Say little of my Journey for it sho'd be Secret. I wo'd have You to send immediately to Rob^t Boothe, and tell him how I mist of You, but y^t he may make use of my horse till my return, wⁿ he has

¹ I.e. Altcar.

² William Pilkington was appointed Rector of Croston, 27 Dec. 1703, and was succeeded by Streynsham Master (his son-in-law) in 1755.

occasion : or if he must needs have his own at home, hire somebody to come wth Jack to Witherslack. You may give this boy some Farthings to bear his charges : I cannot think of every thing, but if you do w^t You think convenient, 'tis likely I shall think so too. I wo'd have a letter as soon as you think fit, to be left wth M^r Bowes in Kendale I am Y^{rs} T.B.

Next day I set out early to get over y^e Sands before y^e flood, but wⁿ I had rid some 8 or 9 miles, my borrowed horse fell lame ; However I got to Lancaster before 9 a clock where I had a smith to look at y^e horse, & cure him, but wⁿ I mounted, he was as ill as ever : After 10. I went out of Lancaster, and at y^e bridge was told I might get over y^e Sands, w^{ch} caused me to go halting to Hest,¹ where I saw y^e flood far before me. Then I made y^e best of my way to Kearn-bridge so by Warton to Milnthorp sandes walking most part of y^e way : but 'twas no going over there, so y^t I turn'd up and lodged at Milnthorp. Next day about noon I reached my Fathers ; whence by George H—— [*illegible*] I immediately sent away this—

For Madam Preston. Witherslack, Oct^r 26.05. Madam. Since Tuesday last I have been on my Journey to wait on y^r Ladyship, but cannot yet reach You. I am so much tired wth y^e Jogging of a very lame horse, and walking on Foot. M^r Braddyl intimated to me by letter y^e last week, y^t You thought it convenient I sho'd come over, and officiate at Cartmell Church for some few Sundayes : This was y^e Occasion of my Journey ; and if You wo'd have me to preach at y^r Church y^e next Lords day, I humbly begg you wo'd please to let me Know so much by y^s bearer, and I shall observe Y^r Commands either for one or both ends of y^e day. I design wth y^e first opportunity to attend y^r Ladyship, & in y^e mean time desire y^e Continuance of y^r Favour to him, who shall ever strive to shew, y^t he is in all Sincerity Y^r Faithfull Serv^t T.B.

To y^s Madam Preston was pleased to return me this answer, y^e same day.

S^r. Not hearing from You before now, and fearing to be unprovided for y^e next Sunday I spoke y^s day to D^r Asque, to go to M^r Moor School-Master at Kendale, who is also brother to our Stuard, for preaching on Sunday ; and I hope You will be recovered Y^r Journey by y^e next Sunday after, and I pray come hither y^e next week, and I desire You to give y^e Sac^t on Sunday Sevensnight, it being y^e first Sunday in y^e Month, and I will order notice to be given, in y^e Church on Sunday next. S^r I shall say no more til I see You, but y^t You May believe I am Y^r Friend & Servant E. Preston Oct: y^e 26 My Cosin Bradel² is not yet returned.

I officiated at Cartmel y^e 2 following Sundayes and returned to Sephton 14 Nov^r. where I found y^e 2. following letters.

Loving son—We have sent You beef, berries & chaires : I wrote in my last to Know w^t y^e Clergy wth You do about y^e Advertism^t in y^e End

¹ Hest is on the coast about 3 miles N.W. of Lancaster.

² I.e. Braddyl.

of y^e brief for All S^ts Church in Oxon. The last week as Tho: Crosfield was coming from Dalton fair he met wth Rob^t Tompson about Swarthmore,¹ who took him by, and informed him, y^t they co'd not get M^r Prody out. But if You wo'd be pleased to come and serve y^e Cure of C. for 30^l or 40^l he co'd be instrumentall to help you to y^e place, and more over to succeed wⁿ M^r P. goes of; we presume he hath y^s from his M^r or M^{rs} or both; now You must result wth y^r self, & send Rob^t Thompson y^r Resolution as shortly as may be: We wo'd have You not to meddle wth M^r Prody. This is something in answer to y^{rs} on y^e 29th of August M^r Swainson² preached at Cartmell last Sunday. This is all at present wth our blessing and daily prayers unto God for You, y^r wife & child from y^r Parents J M Brookbanke Witherslack Oct. 16. 1705.

This wth out Direction or date.

Dear Cousins, We had Y^{rs} some weekes ago, for w^{ch} we give You many Thanks, y^t You will be so Kind as to enquire after us: We had answered Y^{rs} before now, but I was to go to Preston about business. I am stil y^r Uncle's scribe. Wⁿ I came home, he was out of Order for some dayes, but blessed be God, is pretty well recovered again: He hath had 3 fits of illness by purging, y^e first was wⁿ my Cousin Ann³ was wth You: after both his former illness, he had better health yⁿ Ever I Knew him, but both times brought very low, very nigh to death. I think I have had better health wthin these few weekes yⁿ Ever since you was here. We have none of y^e strongest bodies neither of us, but hitherto y^e Lord hath spared and upheld us: We have great cause to bless God for y^e many mercies we have, and Know nothing w^t want is: but we have great weights of Worldly Troubles, and it may be less fit for y^m yⁿ some others, but hitherto God hath helped. it cost us I believe near 20^l last year, to get Possession at Horse-hey, and wⁿ y. were all out, and y^r Uncle had y^e Key, it was truly so grievous to me, y^t I co'd not bear it, did w^t I co'd to perswade him to let y^m in again. They promised to pay a rent, or leave it to be set to another, but it was far otherwise wⁿ it came to y^e time, liker murther yⁿ y^t, and a deal of scurelous language abusing us both by both of y^m for our forbearing wth y^m. The Conclusion for y^e year is we are to have 14^l and to clear it out of it y^e first peny is yet to have, tho we pay yearly for y^m. We hear Cousin Ellin hath had hard labour, but doth recover w^{ch} is well for her children sake. My husbands Circumstances are much w^t as they were; He saith he offered You if you wo'd take y^e trouble to get y^e money Your bro. Chippendel owes and is secured, you might take part wⁿ got, if he were a possessor of his own. We have nothing to say but you are every way deserving tho it may be quite otherwise wth y^m y^t have done him a deal of hurt and y^m Selves no good wth it: I never co'd wish You to it, nor discommend You for Y^r Refusal of y^e offer, if You have nothing got You have a quiet life, and I hope a good wife, y^t You gave evidence you had a great love for. We have all Reason to respect you

¹ About a mile S.W. of Ulverston. It was the centre of the labours of George Fox the Quaker.

² Richard Swainson, vicar of Urswick, 1696-1714.

³ Anne Turnley.

y^e more and not y^e less, but whether we may live to get w^t we have a right to there is a question we cannot resolve. We shall be glad to see You if You come near us, for I cannot tell wⁿ we must see You. My Cousin went from York to Newcastle : I have had 3 letters from her from there, and she tells me of one from You she had, some of mine have miscarried, and she is very uneasy, but I shall take w^t care I can to remedy y^t. We shall be glad to hear of You all at convenient Times, & begg you will accept of both our hearty respects to You both from y^r loving Unkle and Aunt Agnes Turnley. Y^r Unkle is bound wth M^r Townson¹ for 200^l and we are not wthout our Troubles and feares about y^t.

To W^m. Chippendel

Nov. 21. 1705. Bro^r. I had hoped to have seen you at Claughton at my return, w^{ch} if I had it wo'd have spared y^a Trouble ; For yⁿ I sho'd have told you, y^t we shall have no need of Groats at Sephton being to leave it y^e next month. We design (if you consent) to take Rob^t ² wth us into y^e North, who will possibly come to see you from Claughton where his Aunt and child will make some short stay ; If you'l take care y^t y^e flax be ready āgst y^t time, (w^{ch} I imagine) wil be about y^e middle of Next month), it may yⁿ be convey'd to Claughton. This wth Love and service to you all, concludes from Y^r Brother & Serv^t T.B.

To my Father. id.

S^r I came hither y^e 14^o but 'twas somew^t late for my horse was very slow : wⁿ he had Company, he went tollerably well, but wⁿ alone he halted piteously : His master complains heavily, but he has got him now shod, and to Good meat, and I doubt not but y^e horse will do as well as he has done. We shall be for removing er' X^{mas} but Know not how to contrive our business so, as not to be troublesome to You : We wo'd desire you wo'd let us live wth You a few weekes, til we can meet wth a convenient Habitation about Cartmel, and y^t Mo^r wo'd be enquiring for such an one, as also for a maid-servant. Our Cow we shall dispose of, but cannot be wthout a horse, and since you are not wel provided wth hey, I wish you wo'd buy 30^s or 40^s worth of G. Taylor &c for him, and we shall bring a

¹ Clement Toulson of Stakes, in the Forest of Bolland, son and heir of Geo. Toulson of Stakes and of Lancaster by his wife Ursula Stillington. Clement T. matric. Brasenose Coll. Oxford, 19 July, 1684, aged 16 ; admitted to Gray's Inn 4 June, 1688. As will transpire later he was sued by his father's creditors and committed to York Goal where he died in 1708. He left a son George, who *d.* 9 Mar. 1766, aged 63, having married Elizabeth dau. of Edward Parker of Browsableholme. Their daughter Jane (1740-1819) was the last of the family. She married (1) Banister Walton of Marsden and Altham, who *d.* s.p. 1788, and (2) Robert Hudson of Beverley, who *d.* 1808. She left her estate of Skipwith, co. York (inherited from her grandmother Elizabeth, dau. of Robert Herbert of Skipwith) to her cousin John Parker (younger son of Robert Parker of Alkancoats, near Colne) who took the name of Parker-Toulson, and *d.* 1822, aged 67.

² Robert, son of William Chippendale of Bashall by his wife Ellen Whittingham.

boy wth us to look after him. I found my Wife not very well, and she looks extreemly ill, but John is hearty, and can travail a short Journey on his own legs. Wth duty to M^r and y^r Self I remain Y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B.

To Madam Preston.

Nov. 21. 1705. Madam, Since my return to y^s place, I have acquainted M^r R^d1 wth my design of leaving it, w^{ch} he seems to be offended with : He complains for want of convenient time to provide *some* one to succeed me, so y^t I must stay here so long as I can to oblige him ; However I shall not out of Complement to him disappoint y^r Ladyship and y^r Church, but am resolved (wth Gods help & y^r leave) to officiate at Cartmel y^e 23^d of next month. I will come sooner if I can, for now I shall not be easy till I be in y^e North, but for y^t day mentioned You may depend upon me. This, wth humblest Thanks and service to y^r Ladyship, S^r T.,^s and y^r other prety Companions, concludes y^s present Trouble from, Madam, Y^r most obliged humble Serv^t T.B.

I came to Cartmel to officiate as I had promised y^e 23^d, and y^e first Letter I was engaged in was w^t followes

Decem. 18. 1705. M^r Brookbank, I thought fit to acquaint You, y^t I recd from y^r Neighbour 10 shillings : There was 5^s 6^d from y^m y^t brought y^e goods, for it was dark before they got out of town ; He had not y^e ship ready, and he sent for a dozen of Ale on board, and y^e other 3^s 6^d I sent by Rob^t Canny. I have a Chapman for y^e 3 Chaires, but they think the armed Chair too dear ; for y^e armed chair they are not Willing to give above 3^s. So no more at present, but I remember my love to You & y^r Wife. Mary Hodgson.

The next I writ was to my wife at Westfield

Witherslack Dec. 28. 1705. Betty, I came safe to y^s place y^s day seven night about 6. a Clock, and was Soon told, y^t our goods were come the day before, but y. are not to be unloaden til to morrow morning : I have got no better place for y^r Reception yⁿ a Tyth-barn, w^{ch} may do well enough for y^e present : nor can I meet wth a convenient place for us to dwell in, but possibly may hear of one e'r long, til yⁿ You may be welcome at y^s place. The small Pox have been stirring in y^s Country, but God be thanked not very fatal, so y^t I wo'd not have you to fear y^m but meet us at Lancaster on Weddensday y^e 9th of January at y^e Mare-maid, and as soon after noon as You Can. If You cannot come at y^t time post away a letter wth all speed for me at M^r Johnson's house in Cartmel, over y^e sands from Lancaster. We are all well here, and wish You may be so too, and hope y^s Air may do for you w^t a great deal of Physic wo'd not. Other Matters may be omitted til You See Y^r T.B.

¹ Mr. Richmond, incumbent of Sefton.

² Sir Thomas Lowther, 2nd Baronet.

[To my wife]

Holker Dec. 31. 05. Betty, I writ to You last friday by Kendal, and fearing my letter might miscarry, I send You this to let You Know y^t we hope to meet you at y^e Mare maid in Lancaster on Weddensday y^e 9^o of January. Our goods are Come safe to Cartmel, and are at present in a Tyth barn, & will be there dormant til you come to give orders about y^m : if You cannot meet us y^e day appointed, pray with all speed send me a letter to M^r Johnsons house in Cartmel. Our Friends are well, and wish You and Y^r Son y^e like as does also Y^r T.B.

To Father Whittingham

Witherslack Jan. 17. 1705. S^r The next day after we saw You we came safely to this place, where my wife and child have been ever since, & will continue for some time, til we meet wth a convenient habitation ; They are both much as they were at Westfield. My Wife tells me You co'd Wish we had money to lend You to free You from y^e Inconvenience of many Creditors, but we cannot do't y^s year, for my Father's to pay now at Candlemas for some ground, and hath occasion for a deal of my little stock of Money. If You co'd put on for a Year or two longer, as You have done, I might possibly procure You some, but it is very scarce in this Country. We shall allwayes be glad to hear from You, and if You write You may direct for me at Cartmel over y^e sands from Lancaster. This (wth our Duty Love & service to all Relations & Friends) concludes from Y^r Son & Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Marsden

W. Jan. 17. 1705. S^r. I shall not trouble You wth a set form of Thanks for y^r many Favours, since, I hope, You believe me very sensible of y^m and ready to make Acknowledgments on all Occasions : but I make bold to inform You of my Proceedings here. I came to Cartmel a little before Christmas, and found things in y^e same Disorder I left y^m. M^r Prody, was & is in such a Condition, as I can give no account of : None or but very few, are admitted to see him, and those cannot tell how he does. Some say he is lunatic, others y^t he is no otherwise disordered, yⁿ by strong Liquors, his own Ill humours, and his wife's high spirit : But however it is wth him, there's nothing done in order to his Removall, but things hang as they were. I shall endeavour to supply his place w^{thout} much concern for wages, desiring no more yⁿ a Moderate Competency. I have not yet got a house, so y^t we are forced to live wth my Father at present. Pray S^r please to give my humble Service to y^r own good Family, and to y^t over y^e way, and tell M^r R^d I was to have waited on his Brother at Kirkland, but he was abroad. I am, S^r, Y^r very much obliged humble Serv^t T.B. I am told M^r Pr. is very weak in body.

To Ric^d Rose.

Witherslack Jan. 17. 1705. Richard, You may believe we left not Sephton w^{thout} Concern, and more Trouble, yⁿ we were willing to shew : But for some particular, and prevailing Reasons (w^{ch} You may guess at)

we sho'd not have left You at all, for we cannot hope to come amongst a more obliging, Kind, good natur'd People. Our grief is y^t we are out of a possibility of making any suitable returns for y^e many Kindnesses received from You and y^r Family, and others Y^r Neighbours, to every one of w^{ch} I co'd wish you wo'd please to give our hearty Thanks Love and Service. We have so many Friends y^t we cannot Name y^m all in particular, yet we remember each one, and pray God to bless & Prosper y^m. Our Goods came here before me, and are now safe in Cartmel, but we yet want a house to put y^m in. My Wife continues somew^t indisposed, but y^e Child thrives, for w^m we begg Y^{rs} and his other God Fathers blessing. We shall be very desirous to hear of y^r Welfare, & how matters go in y^e Parish, and if You'l oblige us wth a Line You may direct it for me at Cartmel to be sent from Lancaster. Wth hearty Thanks, Love & service to Y^r Family I rest Y^r Faithful Friend T.B.

To Mary Hodgson.

W. J. 17. 1705. M^{rs} Hodson. I had y^r Letter and give You 1000 thanks for it, and y^e care You took about my goods, w^{ch} are now safe in Cartmell. The Chaires You may please to sel, at w^t rates y. will take, & also y^e Lead wⁿ opportunity serves, and out of y^e Money first pay y^r self for Y^r Trouble, yⁿ procure me about 6 or 8 yards of Irish Cloth at 16 pence by yard from M^{rs} Rhodes or elsewhere, and y^e rest wth y^e Grate (if it be not disposed of) send me by any of our Neighbours. I also desire You to send these Letters as directed, and if You can Conveniently meet wth D^r Tarleton pay him for y^e Pills & Ingredients he sent my Wife. This wth hearty Thanks & Respects to y^r Self and Husband, concludes at present from y^r Obliged Friend & serv^t T.B.

To Cousin Tournly at Newcastle.

Witherslack Jan. 30. 1705. Dear Cousin, I intimated in my last my Thoughts of our Removall from Sephton, and now am to acquaint You, y^t we left y^t place a little before X^{mas}. At present we are wth my F^r but I am commonly at Cartmel, where I now Officiate ; My Wife is not in perfect health, but the boy is well and hearty : she gives Kind love & service to You wth desires to hear from You wth y^e first Convenience to Know of y^r health, and whether You design to stay at N. Castle or if not, we sho'd be very glad to have a little more of y^r Company, if you durst venture into these Parts. We shall go to house about a fortnight hence at Cartmel. Whither you may please to direct, if You'l oblige us wth a line. We have had a great deal of hurry & Trouble in removing our Goods, and our selves, but old Alice we have left behind us I believe to her grief. I am wth hearty respects Dear Cousin Y^r Faithfull Friend Serv^t & Kinsman. T.B.

To y^e Bishop.

Cartmel Feb. 9. 1705. My Lord, I humbly beg y^r Lo^{pp} pardon for acquainting You no sooner wth my removall hither, and hope Y^r Lp. will permit me to officiate here til further Care be taken about this Place. Madam Preston, I doubt not, will cause y^t part of y^e Sallery w^{ch} is under Sequestration to be paid to me, out of w^{ch} 'tis expected, I sho'd pay y^e

Reader, w^{ch} will reduce My part to a small Summe. However I shall be well contented if I may be Instrumentall in bringing again y^s Parish to y^t good Order M^r Armstrong left it in. Your L.p. may be informed how things are by y^e Bearer M^r Law who desired me to write to y^r L.p. to further his design of entring into Priests Orders; I have Known him 8 or 10 years and allwayes took him to be a Modest, Sober, and diligent Person, and hope he may be usefull in y^e Church, if y^r Lordship shall think fit to ordain him. Wth humblest Thanks for y^r Lps. repeated Favours, I rest my Lord, Y^r Lps very much obliged humble serv^t T.B.

This did not go, for M^r Law had Information y^t y^e B^p was gone for London: But M^m Preston willing me to write to y^e B^p. I did it in y^e following words

Cartmel Feb. 18^o 1705. My Lord, I hope it is wth y^r L^{ps} Approbation y^t I officiate at this place til further Care be taken about it; and I also flatter my Self y^t if M^m Preston and M^r Braddyl, sho'd nominate me to succeed M^r Prody on his Removal, y^r Lordship wo'd willingly confirm their Choice; They both think fit y^t M^r Prody sho'd be proceeded agst, and 'tis by their Order y^t I give in y^e Names of 2 persons who may attend y^e Court as Evidences agst him; I believe y. will be ready to come to Chester, on y^r L^{ps} Letter or other Intimation; or (if y^t be not a regular method) no doubt they will Observe a legal Summons. W^t y^r Lordship shall please to let me Know w^t ought to be done, shall be diligently observed to my power, not only in y^s, but in all other Affaires to Shew y^t I am my Lord, ut supra.

This did not go, but I writ an other, page 430 [of MSS *vide infra*:¹]. On Sunday y^e 17^o we received y^s.

Newcastle Feb. 12^o day. Dear Cosen. I have received y^{rs} w^{ch} was very acceptable to me, but I thought it very long in coming. I am sorry to hear poor Cosin is out of Order, but I hope wⁿ You are settled in y^r new Lodgings, I hope it will be better wth her. I am glad to hear John is so strong a Child. I am sure his Grand mother must be in love wth him. I writ to You at Sephton y^e day before I got Y^{rs}, and writ before y^t and never co'd have a line, so had concluded you had forgot poor me, but I had not forgot You, but I am sensible y^e letters have miscarried. I am sorry to hear you have had so much trouble in removing, but You took a very bad time a year; I wish You much health and satisfaction where ever You go, but I cannot give You a true account wⁿ I shall leave Newcastle, but I think wⁿ good weather is if I can not to disoblige my dear Aunt. The Town is so unpleasant to me, and my Aunt is never well, w^{ch} is a great trouble to me. I give You many thanks for Y^r Kind invitation, and All Y^r Civilities to me so conclude wth my dear love and service to You both, being all from her who is sincerely Y^r Serv^t to Command Ann Turnley.

¹ See letter dated 20 April, 1706.

She writ in y^e bottom of y^s 2 lines to my Wife, wth 2 Receipts. On y^e 21st y^s came to us.

S^r This is to acquaint You y^t I have received y^r Letter by w^{ch} I perceive You are all in good health, so are we save only my little Daughter Jennet has been troubled wth an Ague, but now, praised be God, she is pretty well recovered. I give You many Thanks for y^r Kind profer as to assist me wth Money; I hope I can prevail wth my Creditors to forbear wth me y^e time you have mentioned. Rob^t Chippendale was buried about 3 weeks since. John Stursaker & his wife desires to be remembred unto You and to y^r wife. So wth my Kind respects, together wth my Wife's to y^r Self and good wife and my blessing to my Grandson, I rest y^r loving Father till death Tho: Whittingham Westfield Febr. y^e 14th 1705.

The next one Rigg of Flookburrough brought me, y^e first of March.

Walton Feb. 26. 1705. S^r. Y^r Kind letter was gratefull to me as y^r future ones will ever be. Wⁿ our good Bishop returns to Chester, I think he will settle things at Cartmel. Madam Prestons paper to me speak very Kind things of You. M^r Atherton ¹ of Liverpool you hear (I suppose) is dead, and y^t M^r Henry Richmond is like to succeed him. I am just now recovered of my annual fit of y^e Scorbutic Gout, w^{ch} has Kept me 9 weekes wthin doors. Y^r Suc^{cessor} at Sephton is M^r Fleetwood,* brother to M^{rs} Bere of Prescott. I present humble service to Holker, and commit y^r Self M^{rs} B^{ff}. & y^r pretty boy to y^e divine Protection, and rest S^r Y^r humble Serv^t Thomas Marsden. Pray give my humble service to y^r parents, thō' unknown to me.

Soon after my wife had a letter from Tho: Parkinson (at M^r Newtons in Eagle Court agst Sommerset house in y^e strand) about a pair of staires he sent her by Ja: Knowles from London Feb. 22^d. To be left wth M^r Hopkins in Lancaster: w^{ch} stayes we received y^e 6^o at Holker wth this Letter.

Lanc^r. M. y^e 5. 1705. S^r. I sent lately a Letter 3^d p E: Fell y^e Ulverston Carrier who brings this, for w^{ch} I p^d 1^s thō it weiges scarce 4 pounds: being directed to You they wo'd abate no thing of it, so y^t it was no advantage to direct it to me, except y^e Directions had been for, S^r, Y^r Serv^t Ch^r: Hopkins.

To y^s I return'd

Cartmel March 15. 1705. M^r Hopkins, By y^s I send you hearty thanks for y^r Care of my Letter, and box, and 1^s y^t I am indebted to you; wth a request y^t you wo'd please to oblige me wth a Like Care if hereafter any thing sho'd be directed for me to be left wth You. I have p^d for Carriage of y^s, and y^e bearer will give you 4^d (in all 1^s 4^d) to post 2 of y^e Enclosed

¹ William Atherton was Curate of Liverpool (jointly with Robert Stythe) from 1688 to 1699 when both were constituted Rectors—each of a mediety. Henry Richmond was made Rector, 17 May, 1706. (V.C.H. and Fishwick's *Garristang*.)

Letters into y^e Post-Office, if You'l take y^t trouble upon You. Wth due respects I rest Y^r obliged Friend & serv^t T.B.

The letters Enclos'd were these.

To Father Whittingham. March 15. 1705. Y^{rs} we received and are glad to hear You are well, and can now inform You y^t we are all in indifferent good health, but since we came hither our Son has been extream ill, more like to dy yⁿ live for some time, but now he is recovered. We are obliged to M^r Sturzaker & his Wife for y^l^r Kind remembrance, and desire you to return y^m our Service. We sho'd be glad to hear wⁿ any thing is done about Bro: W^m & Unkle Turnley's business now Rob^t Chippendel is dead ; if we get any Money Thence we may possibly let you have some of it, if it may be servisable to You. You may acquaint us whether M^r R^d succeeds at Liverpool, and if He do who is to serve at Garstang : My Wife has her duty given to You & M^r & So has Y^r Son & Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Marsden

March 15. 1705. S^r. The honest Taylor was very carefull to bring me y^r Letter, for w^{ch} and y^e Newes in it I am much obliged to You : I am glad you have got well thro' y^e Gout, and hope (if y^r health permit) to enjoy Your Company for some time at our poor habitation, y^s Summer. About a month since M^m Pr.¹ & M^r Braddyl order'd me to write to y^e B^p and acquaint him wth y^e Names of 2. persons to be Evidences agst M^r Pr.² I writt accordingly, and shew'd M^m Pr. y^e letter, but 'tis not yet gone : she talks of y^e B^p, coming visiting hither in summer, and intimates as if y^t wo'd be y^e best time for our depending Business to be done in. M^r Pr. is well in Health, as they tell me, and rides or Walkes about as usual especially to Ale-houses. We were welcom'd to Cartmel wth a severe Sickness, w^{ch} had almost taken of our Child, but we thank God y^t has restor'd him to health again. We are now forced at present to live in an upper-room, and y^t not one of y^e best, but may serve till better Convenience offer. Please to accept my Wife's and my humble service to y^r Self and family, and impart a share to our Friends at y^e Parsonage. & continue y^r Kind Thoughts to S^r Y^r obliged humble Serv^t T.B.

To Tho: Parkinson.

March. 15. 1708. Cosin, My Wife has received y^r letter and y^e staves, w^{ch} please her well, and have no fault but y^t they are rather too wide : she hoped you wo'd have told her y^e price, and how to have got you Money, w^{ch} she will send you so soon as she Knowes how much and how : Therefore she expects two lines more from You ; If You wo'd have the Carrier to receive it from M^r Hopkins she'l get it to him, and will acquaint her Neighbours wth w^t you desire her, and may possibly procure You some Custom. We are obliged to You for Y^r good wishes, and send our hearty Love & service to you and y^r Family. Wⁿ you write, You may direct to me at Cartmel o'r y^e Sands from Lancaster, and it will probably be received by Y^r Serv^t T.B. Wife gives her Service to y^r Sister Ann.

¹ Madame Preston.

² Mr. Proddy.

To Ann Turnley.

March. 15. 170³. Dear Cosin, Y^r Conclusion y^t we had forgot you was too hasty & Unkind, and You are now convinced of y^e Contrary; y^{rs} was very welcom here as they ever will be, but I must not tell You it found us all well & hearty, for our Child was welcom'd to y^s place wth a Violent fit of Sickness, w^{ch} put us all out of Order, but he is since recovered. We at present are confined to some upper rooms, but have a spare bed at y^r service, wⁿ You'l please to command it. My Wife gives You thanks for y^r Receipts, & desires you in y^r next to tell her y^e best way of making Coffee; she is pretty well, and I hope y^s Air may be very agreeable to us all. If you send by London, You must direct for me at Cartmel, O'r y^e sands from Lancaster; but if by Kendal Carrier, only direct it to be left wth M^r Bowes in Kendale and it will come. John was a very fine boy before his Illness and I hope he will soon get again w^t he lost, & I believe You wo'd think him good Company some time; He is very stirring, and will try a strong Patience to attend all his Actions. Wth hearty Love and service from us both this Letter Ends from Y^r Serv^t & Kinsman T.B.

[To Rev T. Brockbank]

S^r. I was yesterday at Cartmel, & sent to M^{rs} Proddy to meet me in y^e Church wth they Key of y^e Vestery, w^{ch} she did, & was very glad I wo'd take it for she said it was only a trouble to her. The Plate, as she told me, and one of the Surplices was at Wil. Myers's, by y^r Order to be made Clean. I have sent the Key to You by Our childrens Master, who desires wⁿ You look over y^e bookes in y^e Vestery y^t he may wait on you. I removed one or two w^{ch} I found was very mouldy. As I was going to send for You to meet us in y^e Church M^{rs} Knipe told me You was gone to Visit some sick. My Service to y^r Wife and self, I am Y^r friend & Servant E. Preston. Holker Mar. y^e 14.

On y^e 20th y^s wth 3 Oranges & 2 papers of powder.

S^r. I was sorry to see M^{rs} Brookbank so much indisposed; I have sent two papers of Powder; w^{ch} I think are proper for her to take one to night, & y^e other to morrow night in a spoon wth a little milk-water. I believe she hath both a weak & foul stomach, and y^t y^s Powder is esteemed y^e best for being made wth y^e right and best Virginean snake root. I shal be glad if it do her good, for I am to her and your Self S^r. Y^r Friend & Serv^t E. Preston.

The 2 following on y^e 25th.

Liverpool March. 21. 170³. S^r. After my husbands Love and service and mine most humbly presented to You and to Your Wife, These lines may inform You, y^t I sent you 8 yards of linnen Cloth at 1^s 4¹/₂^d y yard wth comes to 11^s and likewise I sent You y^r Grate, and all by Robert Taylor; and further to acquaint You I have sold 3 chaires for 6^s 6^d, and y^e 4th Chair I have sold for 3^s; And as for y^e Lead y. will but give 1^d. a pound, and y^e weight of it is 8 score & four pound; So I desire to hear from You as speedily as You can, & order whether I must take y^t price

or no ; & likewise I spake to D^r Tarleton, and he remembers his Love to You, and to Y^r Wife, and he wo'd take nothing. So having no more at present, but once more my humble Love and service presented to You and Y^r Wife, I rest & remain Y^r ever loving Friend to command Mary Hodgson. I pray give my Love and Service to y^r Father & Mother.

For y^e most honored M^r Brookbank parson at Cartmel.

Ormskirk Feb. 22. Dear M^r & M^{rs}. After my humble Love & service given to you, hoping You are in good health, y^s is to let You Know, y^t I shall not stay here any longer yⁿ Easter, for I have never been well since I came ; If You wo'd have me to come to You pray let me hear as shortly as You can, for I hear something of a place, to Keep a Gentlemans house, but I will fulfill y^e promise I made to my M^{rs} wⁿ she went ; pray give my Service to y^r Mother, my humble love and service to You both, and my dear love to my sweet John. So I rest y^r loving Serv^t Alice Alston.

This y^e 27^o.

S^r. Y^{rs} I received dated y^e 15^o of March, and am glad to hear You received my Cousins staves ; it was as near as I co'd think her Size to be, and if any thing sho'd so happen in y^t way, a measure is y^e only Direction in y^t Kind, for y^e w^{ch} I humbly thanke for Y^r Kindness in it, and shall be as carefull for my Cousins word as Credit for my own : Cozin for y^e price of y^e staves I will be as moderate as I can for to create further business ; y^e Box 1^s & y^e staves 25^s y^t 26 y^e whole w^{ch} is y^e mean thing ; & if any of Y^r Acquaintance to let me have a measure from y^e top of y^e back to y^e hipp, and y^e length before, & round y^e breast and round y^e Waste I will endeavour to please :—Wishing all happiness I am Y^r loving Cosin Tho: Parkinson. Cosin if You please to give a Character at M^r Prestons of Holker, it may in some measure be serviceable to me ; I have sent severall pair of staves as far as Peroth¹ [*sic*] w^{ch} have taken effect ; if you draw a bill on any person or return it by y^e Carrier, my Sister is glad to hear of Y^r health, and gives her hearty service to you both.

My Answers.—To Mary Hodgson

March. y^e. 29. 06. M^{rs} Hodgson, I am much concern'd for putting so great Trouble on You, and y^t I Know not how to make You some suitable return for all y^r Kindness : All I have to send You is hearty Thanks, and an offer of serving you if it shall ever ly in my power. The Cloth & Grate came safe to us, and y^e chaires are well sold, but if Convenience serve I had rather y^e Lead were sent hither yⁿ sold for 1^d a pound. I shall yⁿ be y^r Debtor, but I hope to pay you y^e first opportunity. Since we came hither my Wife and Child have been very ill, but are both recovered. You'l please to give our hearty Love & service to y^r husband, & our Friends of Sephton & accept y^e same from Y^r much obliged Friend & Serv^t T.B.

¹ Probably intended for Penrith.

To Tho: Parkinson at M^r Newtons over agst Somerset house—

Cartmel March. 29. 1706. Cosin, Y^{rs} I had yesterday and am now sending 26^s to Lancaster wth Directions for You, w^{ch} I hope You will shortly receive: my wife does not say y^e stayes are dear, but y^t y. are not so cheap as her former were; she has been much out of health since my last. but is now recovered & desires to be remembred to You & to y^r Family. Mad^m Preston has allready a Taylor in London who supplies her wth w^t she wants but my wife may upon occasion mention you to her and others. This wth all due respects concludes from Y^r Friend and Kinsman T.B.

To M^r Hopkins.

April 4. 1706. M^r Hopkins. You'l receive wth y^s 26^s the price of y^e stayes, w^{ch} y^e Carrier y^t brought y^m is to convey to M^r Tho. Parkinson at M^r Newtons house in Eagle Court in y^e Strand: Or if You Know a better way to return y^e money You may please to return it accordingly. I am told there's 3^d owing you for a letter w^{ch} y^s Bearer will pay you, but for y^t letter I have allready p^d 4^d of w^{ch} at convenience you may acquaint y^e Carrier. If I am any thing indebted to you more, pray let me Know, and I will thankfully repay You. I am (wth all due Acknowledgments for y^r Care and Kindness) Y^r much obliged Friend & Serv^t T.B.

M^r Hopkins answer.

Lancaster April y^e 6. 1706. S^r. I recd y^e 26^s 3^d and make bold to open y^r Letters, and in it drew a bill for 26^s y^t a Correspondent of mine will pay next Weddensday to M^r Parkinson, thinking y^t the readiest way for you, and very little inconvenience to S^r Y^r Serv^t Chr. Hopkins.

To M^r Steel:

April y^e 11. 1706. M^r Steel. 'Tis thrô y^r Sisters encouragement, y^t I put y^e Trouble upon You, to procure me a morning Gown: The stuff I leave to y^r choice strong about 10^d p yard, and y^e Taylor will Know how much will be enough wⁿ you tell him y^t y^e back seam beside y^e cape must be full yard & a half and y^e Arms wide. I wo'd have no in lining because summer's coming on. If You'l please to Oblige me wth y^r Care about y^s I shall very thankfully repay You or y^r Order, & shall be allwayes ready to serve You, being Y^r Serv^t T.B. I wo'd have y^e sides of different sorts.

The next came by y^e bearer it Mentions.

Dear S^r. A near Kinsman having suffered a great Loss by Water has been at y^e Bisp of Chester, and his Lordsp has granted him y^e Deanery of Copeland, if Cartmel be comprehended in it I humbly desire y^t You wo'd be pleased to grant him y^r Assistance, according as You see y^e petitions. I am Y^r most humble serv^t W^m Brocklebanke Holker Apr. 17. 1706

To y^e Bishop.

Cartmel April 20. 1706. My Lord, I humbly begg y^r Lps. pardon for presuming to officiate at y^s place wthout acquainting y^r Lp. there with:

And it will (I doubt not) be granted me, wⁿ Y^r Lp. shall Know y^t y^e best part of y^e p^{sn} seems well satisfied wth my Endeavours, & wo'd (I think) be pleased to have me y^r settled Minister. It is not unknown to y^r Lp. y^t I left a Kind of Certainty, and one of y^e best Curacies in y^e County to serve here, and if I be desirous to have some assurance of y^s Place, I hope it cannot be judged any breach of Charity. I wish no harm to y^e Incumbent, nor shall I say any thing of him, for sho'd I give his Character it wo'd look like Malice or selfishness in me: but were he removed, I have all Reason to believe M^m Preston & M^r Braddyl wo'd Nominate me to y^e Place: They are ready to send Evidences to Chester in y^r Lops Citation or other Summons, whose Names (I Suppose) M^m Pr. will give into y^r Lp., and wⁿ they are directed w^t to do, they will act to y^r power. I am My Lord, Y^r Lps humble obliged Serv^t T.B.

Mad^m Preston desired me to draw her a fowl Draught of w^t I thought fit for her to write, w^{ch} I did as follows.

My L^d. Y^r Lps admonishing M^r Proddy, and sequestering part of his Sallary, have had so small Effects y^t there appeares no sign of Reformation in him: He is y^e same Negligent, irregular Man he was, so y^t not only y^e Articles exhibited to y^r Lp but many others as bad might be proved agst him; We desire y^r Lps Assistance in his Removall, and shall be at y^e trouble and Charge of sending Witnesses to Chester wⁿ y^r Lp shall please to call y^m. There are scarce any Persons in y^e Parish but might testify enough, but we think W^m Myers sexton of y^e Church, & John Barbar, are as fit as any other, and gō we mention y^m to y^r Lordp: or if there be need of More, our Steward (who is y^e bearer of y^s) may give in some other Names: I have now sent him on purpose about y^s business, and to pay Y^r Lps Rent.

This came y^e 7^o of May.

Staveley y^a 7th May 1706. Reverend S^r. John Robinson of Barrowfold in Staveley is dead, his sons desired me to write You two lines to desire Y^u to preach a Sermon at his burial on Weddensday. He had long affliction of y^e stone, w^{ch} he endured wth much patience. He was a good cōm^r to y^e Chappel, received y^e Sac^{ts} (as y^u may remember y^u see him do at Fellfoot wth Rich^d Robinson) lived temperately, carefull in giving his Children good Christian Education. I need not mencon y^e use of Speaking of y^e deceased at y^s Church in Sermons (I suppose You Know of it). From Y^r most humble obliged serv^t Edmund Law.

M^r Law at y^e burying of y^s Man desired me to write wth him to y^e Bp w^{ch} I did as follows.

Cart. May 13. 1706. My Lord. The Bearer M^r Law of Staveley desiring my Letter to Y^r Lordsp on his behalf, to oblige him I make bold to inform Y^r Lordsp y^t I have Known him 8 or 9 yeares scholemaster and Reader at Staveley Chappel, and ever took him to be a Sober, diligent, modest Man; His design is to be ordained Priest, and thō there is no necessity for his being so, as to y^e place where he now serves, yet he might

be usefull to y^e Church in a more beneficiall Cure, were he so qualified. That I may be no further troublesome to y^r Lordship (wth humblest Thanks for repeated Favours) I conclude My Lord Y^r Lps. very much obliged humble serv^t T.B.

At my return from Kirby Lonsdale May y^e 17 I found y^s.

Chester May 13. 1706 Good S^r. You are y^e Person w^m I have a long time had in my Thoughts, to succeed M^r Proddy at Cartmel. I formerly recommended You to Madam Preston, and I am glad to hear y^t she and M^r Braddyl will Nominate You to y^t Cure, wⁿ y^e place shall become Void by y^e death or removall of M^r Proddy. I have heretofore again and again very earnestly pressed Madam Preston to send Witnesses to Chester agst M^r Proddy, y^t I might thereby have been put into a Capacity of depriving him legally, but could not prevail wth her. Now indeed she offers to Send Witnesses, but y^e Case is now much altered, if y^t account of M^r Proddy's condition be true w^{ch} was sent me y^e last week. I will give it You in these Words in w^{ch} it was given to me Viz. *That he is in a deep Melancholy senseless Condition ; That he has a Keeper Constantly attends him ; That he is not capeable of doing any thing, but sits constantly by y^e fire, and looks like a Ghost ; That he seldom speakes : and does not Know or take care, wⁿ any thing comes from him so y^t he is certainly in a Miserable Condition and much to be pitied &c.* If y^s be his Case, I think he can live but a very little longer, and no doubt but I shall be severely censured should I now deprive him, especially considering y^t I have already sequestred so much of his Sallary as may be sufficient to provide one to supply his place. I pray S^r present my Service to Madam Preston & acquaint her wth y^s w^{ch} I now write. I am Y^r affectionate B^ro N. Cestriens.

My Answer

Cartmel May. 20. 1706. My Lord. I very humbly and heartily thank y^r L^p for your Kind thoughts and designs for me, especially for recommending me to M^m Preston to w^m I communicated Y^r L^ps Letter, and who can (if she please) give You a more satisfactory answer to it, yⁿ I daer pretend to do ; This however I make bold to acquaint Y^r L^p wth, That I am perswaded M^r Proddy's condition is misrepresented to y^r L^p, and who ever gave you y^t account, took it only from his wife's lips, who will say Much rather yⁿ He sho'd be deprived. I am no Physician gō Know not whether he be in a deep Mely, but surely he is not in a senseless condition, for I have had occasion to converse wth him of late and found his discourse very rationall pertinent & free enough ; Nor does he look much like a Ghost (except I be extreemly mistaken in my Notion of such a look), For he is fat & Well liking & perhaps never more strong & likely to live yⁿ at present. He rides frequently abroad wthout any visible Keeper, comes 2 or 3 times a week to town, & sits by y^e Ale houses fire side constantly enough, but can never find time to come to Church, thō he is often at y^e next door. I say nothing of y^e beastly part of his Character, bec. y^t has belonged to him y^s many Yeares, but conclude y^s Account as his Friend concluded his, That he is certainly in a Miserable condition, thō I Know not whether much to be pitied, since he will not pity himself but persists

in his bad courses. I delight not to speak evil of any one, much less of a Clergy-Man, and it is wth regret y^t I am forced after y^s manner to answer y^r Lordsp Letter : as I hope y^r Lp will believe I write not y^s out of any sinister End of my own, for, thō w^t is under sequestration (wⁿ y^e Reader is p^d out on't &c) amounts not to much above 30^l per annum, yet I can be content therewth and if I may be usefull in my place, my greatest desires are accomplished. I humbly begg y^e Continuance of y^r Lordsp Fav^r, but no longer yⁿ I continue consciencious in my calling &c. My Lord Y^r L. obedient humble Serv^t T.B.

I writ y^s for M^m Preston.

C. May. 20. 1706. My Lord, I have seen y^r Lps Letter to M^r B. and was surprised at y^e Character in it of M^r Proddy ; by it I perceive some persons take little heed w^t y. write, if they may do y^r friend a Kindness. There is nothing or very little truth in y^t account as might easily be made appear, but I leave y^t for y^e Witnesses to do wⁿ You shall please to call y^m. And if these we have named be not sufficient we will send more, & desire these also may be cited y^t will needs have him Melancholy. 'Twas a mistaken Pity y^t made me backward to have him prosecuted ; I thought it some naturall Distemper y^t betrayed him to his Follies, but I am convinced 'tis an acquired One. Wⁿ he pleases he can be as rationall as any body thō perhaps to Keep him in his place he may Counterfeet Madness ; He can do y^t very artificially. He need but go to y^e Ale-house & get himself well drunk, and he will be fit enough to be bound, especially if his Morose, haughty Temper be provoked. I cannot blame M^r B. if he be uneasy, while such a drone is maintain'd only to Eat & drink to Excess, & yⁿ abuse and threaten him, nor can I think my self very Safe while his virulent bloody humor is Kept up by so plentiful supplies : I fear he abhors no Wickedness & to foster such a dangerous Viper I think is no Charity. But I trespass on y^r Lps Patience, and only desire there may be a due hearing of these matters, and yⁿ I am confident y^r Lp will think it fit he sho'd be removed.

May y^e 28^o 1706. M^r Brookbank or M^r Johnson I desire either of You to certifie me whether y^e poor must be at y^e Church upon Sunday next as well as their Names or they must not come till some day after, and if they must come let me Know by y^e bearer hereof at w^t time of y^e day. Y^s is all at present from Y^r most humble servant Will. Rawlinson Overseer of y^e poor for Staveley ——— [illegible].

S^r. I have a letter y^s day from my Lord Bishop, I would desire to se You this afternoon, I must return an answer y^e next post. I am Y^r humble Serv^t E. Preston. May y^e 29.

To M^r Marsden

May y^e 30. S^r. On y^e 20th of y^e last Month I writ to y^e Bp by M^m Prestons Order, who also writ at y^e Same time, and offer'd to send Witnesses to Chester wⁿ his Ldsp shod call y^m, in y^e mean time some had given his Lp a very false account of M^r P. condition as if he were in a hopeless

condition, not like to live &c. w^{ch} he sent me on May y^e 13^d to w^{ch} Mad. Preston & I return'd answer y^e 20th y^t it was not so wth him, but y^t he rid about, frequented y^e Ale houses, but never came to church &c. On y^e receipt whereof y^e B^p writes to M^m Pⁿ who communicated his letter to me y^s day, and sends a Citation for M^r P. to appear at C. y^e 6th of June to answer w^t shall be objected agst him. but I believe he will not appear there; but pretend he is melancholy or I Know not w^t as D^r Fainton (we suppose) shall advice him. I cannot be more particular at present for y^s bearer is in haste: I have but just time to tell You, M^r Haddon¹ is in Furness, and y^t we desire to see You in health at this place, & wth Thanks & service to y^r self & family, concludes from Y^r much obliged

To Thomas Kilner at Seale.²

Thomas, I desire You to send me by y^e bearer a list of y^e poor, who receiv'd Sac^t Money in M^r A^s 3 Time: I presume You have such Lists, one of w^{ch} wo'd be very usefull to us to morrow, and y^e sending it to night wo'd much oblige y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

My Messenger return'd re infecta. The 2^d of June I had y^s.

S^r. We being inform'd y^t You intend to distribute y^e oblation money y^s day to y^e poor people of y^s Parish, and we having conferred about it yester night, think it most convenient y^t if You would be pleas'd to send us our ppor^{con} of it by y^s bearer (our Chapplery being half of Holker townshipp) to divide it there (wth other moneys we have in our hands) to y^e poor of our s^d Chappelry as we think most needfull, y^s we thought it good to intimate to You, and in so doing You will very much oblige S^r Y^r most humble Serv^{ts}, W. Sympson, J. Braithwaite, Will. Setle, Geo. Bateman. our ppor^{con} for our end is better their 5.

The 4th I had y^s.

June 3^d. Dear S^r. I was this day purposely to see You at Cartmell, but since I have not y^t opportunity, y^s is to let You Know y^t I intend to preach at Lindall chappel upon Midsummer day; and y^e day before y^t (being Sunday) at Cartmel-fels & Stavely Chappells. I desire You will do me y^e Favour to give notice of y^e same in Y^r Parish in such Methods as are usuall upon Such Occasions; Lindell for Monday I am possitive in but if Mad^m Preston or y^r Self think my paines may be better employed, y^e day before Elsewhere I submitt it to y^r discretion. My Service to y^r good Wife Concludes from Y^r Aff^e Bro. & Serv^t Arch: Kippax.

For M^r Kippax at M^r Jo: Woodburns house in Ulverstone

June y^e 10th. S^r. I was much concerned for being out of y^e Way wⁿ You & Cos. Ed. were So Kind as to come hither to See me and wo'd e^r y^s have returned y^r visit, but y^t I am still employed about such business

¹ Probably Peter Haddon, Vicar of Bolton-le-moors, 1691-1721. (*V.C.H.*)

² A hamlet in Stavely township, 3 miles N. of Cartmel.

³ Mr. Armstrong.

as requires my presence ; I shall take care to give notice to y^e Chappels you mention ; Cartmel-fel y^e forenoon & Stavely y^e after of y^e 23^d. & Lindel y^e 24^o. I acquainted M^m Preston wth y^r Intimation, but she is willing to leave you to Y^r own Choice, but if y^r mind change and you have a desire to preach here you may please to let me Know on or before Tuesday morning y^e 20^o, and I shall give notice accordingly. Wth hearty thanks to y^r Self & Cos. Edmondson for y^r Kindly designed Visit, and humble service to You both, I am S^r Y^r Serv^t T.B.

To M^{rs} Carleton of Cark.¹

June y^e 10th. M^{rs} Carleton, Wth due Thanks to y^u & M^r Carleton for y^r Civilities to my Wife And me at y^r house, This comes to let you Know our Thoughts & designs about y^e Curtains you shew'd us. We think y^e stuff was not cheap in Ireland at 11^d y yard and y^t we have seen very good twisted [?] fringe bought at 4^d y ounce, and we find by a bill of Particulars y^t making of a good hansom bed & thread cost at Liverpool no more yⁿ 3^s 6^d. These Considerationes make us believe y^t 3 Guineas may be a good moderate rate for y^r Curtains, w^{ch} we will give you (if You'l please to take it) tomorrow or wⁿ we shall see You. If You think fit to take our money, You may send y^e goods by y^s bearer who belongs to Y^r obliged Serv^t & Sincere Friend T.B. Pray give our Service to M^r Carleton.

M^{rs} Carleton's answer y^e same day.

Rostat [?] June y^e 10 : 1706. S^r. I have Yours p bearer, and have pused it, & find that You think three pound ten to much but indeed I w^od not have offered them so cheap but to You, and not wth standing You say You will but give 3 guineas yet I have sent them by the bearer, and I do expect 3^l—06^s—0^d when we meet, and stil remain Your very humble servant Marg^t Carleton. My husband gives his service to You & y^r Lady.

Y^e 15^o. The next came

June 14. S^r M^r Haddon promised to wait on you y^e next Sunday Morning, but was last night seized wth a fit of y^e Gravel so Severe, y^t it is to be questioned whether he will be able to perform his promis, and g^o begs y^t you will not expect him for fear of a disappointment ; th^o he will come to Cartmel in y^e morning if his health is sufficient to preach both for You in y^e morning and at Flookborrow in y^e afternoon, y^e latter of w^{ch} he must certainly attend having given notice, and there being no other person to officiate, I am Sir Y^r humble ser Eliz: Haddon. Pray give M^r Haddons and my most humble service to Mad^m Preston, and her pretty family, and please to let her Know it is M^r Haddons Illness y^t prevents his waiting on her.

This y^e 17^o by M^{rs} Walls.

S^r I received y^e enclosed on Saturday from my Lord ; You will see w^t Sort of Persons there is in y^e World, but wⁿ M^r Marsden comes we will

¹ A village 2 miles S.W. of Cartmel.

consult him, for I am not satisfied. I am y^r assured Friend and Servant
E. Preston June 17. My Service to y^r Wife.

The Enclosed was This. For Madam Preston at Holker

Madam, Upon Thursday last M^{rs} Proddy, together wth a Parishioner of Cartmel (who came along wth her) appeared here in y^e Consistory court ; and they both made oath of several such Extravagancies committed by M^r Proddy, as have convinced me, y^t he is distracted in his Understanding, and not Capable of making his personall appearance in Court. They further added y^t D^r Ascue * has declared y^t he is as mad as many a Man in Bedlam, and y^t he wo'd not upon any account w^t ever undertake his Cure. This madness was likewise confirmed by a letter to my Chancellour from D^r Fainton, & orders given to appeal, in case I proceeded to sentence agst him. Considering g^o y^e dismal condition M^r Proddy is now in, I cannot at present proceed to sentence of Deprivation. I hope y^s will be no discouragement to M^r Brookbank, for w^m I have a great respect. I am Madam Y^r Faithfull humble Serv^t N. Cestriens. Chester. June 12. 1706.

On y^e 20^o I had This

June y^e 17^o day 1706. S^r. This is y^e occasion of writing to You, I have my health but very badly, and is not able to follow no employ^{mt} as I have done & design to draw my self into a less Compass, and I wo'd gladly have You to have it ; I acquainted W^m Chippendell wth it, and his answer to me was, y^t he had rather sell yⁿ buy : I co'd sell it if I would part wth it all, but I am not in y^t Condition, y^t I need not but Keep Hodson house & land while I live, and my Wife lives and after our decease to come to y^e rest again ; I would gladly have you to let me have an answer from You as soon as You can if you and Y^r wife wo'd have been pleased to come over we sho'd have been very glad, or else I will meet You at Lancaster if you will appoint a time for I am so badly or else I would come to You ; I have above 48^l to pay for my Son Chippendell, and but for good Friends had been put to Charges : He came as drunk as drink cold make him, and y^e next Morning he went to y^e Church town to drink again and was as ill drunk as possible, and told us, he had been drinking Y^r Token wth old M^r and M^{rs} W^m Holt. Well S^r if You and I should make a bargain there will be no Urgent Ocasion for Money paying, for y^e Money may ly as it is. No more at p. but our love and Service to You all from y^r Son [sic] Tho: Whittingham.

My Answer.

June y^e 23^d. 1706. S^r. We are sorry to hear You are so much out of Order, and think it might be convenient for You to give over husbanding y^r whole Estate, but do not find our selves in a condition to buy, having already purchased more yⁿ will Soon be paid for. 'Tis a trouble to us y^t Bro. Will. follows his drinking trade still, and we doubt it will turn to his great prejudice ; We Know nothing of y^e Token you mention, th^o he had some Money from us, but it was only by Way of Loan. We Know not wⁿ we shall have good Opportunity to see you, but Shall allwayes be glad to hear from You. We are all well, and wish you & Y^{rs} in y^e like Condi-

tion, w^{ch} (wth Duty Love & Service to y^u, Mo. & all Friends) concludes from Y^r Son & D^r. Tho: & Eliz: Brookbanke.

To M^r Steel in Dublin.

Cartmel July y^e 12. 1706. S^r. I heartily thank You for Y^r Care about y^e morning gown You Sent me, and sho'd long er' this have return'd You money for it had I Known how much: All y^t I have yet heard concerning it was an Intimation from M^m Preston, y^t it cost about 17^s or 18^s, and y^t I sho'd pay it to y^r Sister wth us, and accordingly I have paid her 17^s for w^{ch} She sends You hearty thanks together wth her love and Kind respects to you & y^r Wife; I shall give her y^e other shilling or more, wⁿ You'l please to let me Know 'tis owing You: Y^r Charity was very seasonable to her, for she is now under a Surgeons hand, and so lame and full of pain y^t She can scarce stirr, so y^t she can be no longer serviceable to us, but must live on w^t she has, or her Friends Kindness. I hope You'l not forget her in her Adversity, but continue (as you have been) her Kind and assisting brother, and be assured (if it be in our power) we shall not be wanting to help her. I am (wth all due respects to you [&]) Y^{rs} Y^r humble obliged serv^t. T.B.

These came to us on Sunday July y^e 28^o.

Thornton ¹ May 25. 1706. M^r Brookbanke. Y^r Letter I have received, and I give You many Thanks for y^e Trouble You have in Writing to me and am very glad to hear of y^r good health and y^r good Families, and We have got a new Curate, his name is M^r Fleetwood he was born in Prescot, he pleases indifferent well, but I do think he is not so well taken wth as You were, I and my Wife and Rob^t Bootle give our service to You all, and Robert Bootle and I give our blessing to our Godson; and M^{rs} Jackson gives her service to you & y^r good wife, and all y^e rest of y^e Family doth likewise, and all y^e rest of y^e Neighbour hood as I have discoursed with is very glad to hear of y^r health, and doth give all there service to you, and wisheth You well. I had writ to You before but only y^e Case [?] was not wrought, but now it is done I have trusted it wth M^r Rob^t Rownson to send it to you. My Desire, and my Wife desires to hear from you as you can spare time; My Son & Daughter are very Well and desires to be remembred to you all So I conclude y^r humble Servant to Command Rich. Rose.

Thornton June y^e 18th day. 1706. Most dear and ever loving M^r & M^{rs} Brookbank our dear love & service to you both; this is to let you Know we are all in good health Thanks be to God for y^e Same, hoping these few lines will find You all in good health. I Nither dear ² nor can expres our ornory Food at Sefton for fear of finding ³ God, we have both a great desire to see You both, but y^e World doth not smile wth us, but if it be y^r fortune to come to y^r Fathers if You will write unto me, I will meet you wth Gods leave & assistance. I praise God we take Y^r last advice, and live in peace, and we desire Y^r prayers for us, and ours shall not cease. So we rest Y^r

¹ A township in Sefton parish, between Sefton and G^t Crosby.

² i.e. dare.

³ i.e. offending.

loving Servants till Death Roger Bridge & Elizabeth. I am wth my Unkle and Mother, and thank You for all y^r Kindnesses to me so I rest Y^r loving Serv^t till death Fardinando Pike.

To Ric^d Rose.

Cartmel July y^e 28: 1706. Rich^d I had y^{rs} but this day, for M^r Marsden forgot it, wⁿ he came hither, and he being suddenly to return, I wo'd not loose y^e opportunity of returning You an answer. Y^{rs} found us all in good health Except Cos. Rob^t who has been out of Order for some dayes, and we were not a little glad y^t you are all well. We thank you for y^r Godson, and M^r Marsden will tell You wⁿ you see him y^t he is a hearty boy, and we desire You to give our service & Thanks to Rob^t Boothe, and to every body Else y^t asks after us. We have heard y^t M^r Fleetwood is my Successor, & y^t he is a Man of Pleasure, w^{ch} will not do well at Sephton. We have had exceeding great Rains here, and land Floods w^{ch} have done some harm, and makes us pity y^e Sephton Medowes, w^{ch} we conclude have been over flown, and fear y^e crop has been lost. Wil: Harrison was to collect some Arrears for me if he have got y^m you may please to bid him send y^m to Rob^t Rownson, who will convey y^m to me. I believe my wife is pleased wth y^e lace, and wo'd be glad to repay y^r wife if she has been at any charge about it, and also to make some acknowlegm^t. for hers and y^r frequent Care and Kindnesses. She gives her hearty thanks & service to you & y^{rs} and so does y^r much obliged humble serv^t T.B. You may be sure we shall allwayes be glad to hear from You taking You for one of our most cordial Friends

To Roger Bridge.

Cartmel July 28. 1706. Roger and Betty, We have y^r Letter, but y^s day, w^{ch} was very acceptable to us, and puts us in mind of y^r former Kindnesses. We are sorry y^t y^e world smiles not on you, but hope God does w^{ch} is much more to be valued yⁿ y^e whole world. If you Study to please him, He will take care of You, and send You w^t. ever is necessary to bring You to Heaven. We are in Health except Rob^t who has been indisposed for some time, and our boy thrives well, and is beginning to prattle. We sho'd be glad to see You, but Know not wⁿ we can have y^e opportunity to cross y^e Sands; Pray remember us to Andy, & to all Friends, y^t speak of us, and be perswaded we still remember You. I am Y^r Affectionate Friend T.B.

To bro^r Chippendell.

August y^e 2^d. 1706. Bro, Last Weddensday y^r Son received a Letter from you wth 2 Shifts, for w^{ch} he returns You thanks wth Love & duty to You & his mother & to w^m else due: He has been for a week or 10 dayes much out of Order, & complains oft of a pain in his head; we believe his distemper is an intermitting fever or a quotidian Ague, and hope he will be better in a little time. We are sorry y^r Letters to us miscarried, and also y^t y^e money missed its way to us now y^t we have great occasion for it, but will expect it every day since its on its journey: You'l please

to give our service to our Friends wth You especially to Sister and y^r children ; and please to believe I am Y^r Sincere Friend & affectionate B. T.B.

To Cos. Ann Turnley.

Cartmel August y^e 5^o 1706. Dear Cousin, Tis now a considerable while since I writ to You but longer since we received a Letter from You w^{ch} makes us think y^e Carriers not carefull, or y^t you are removed. However y^t is we are still desirous to hear from you, and wo^d be more glad to see You. We are about removing again, into a house y^t I have bought since I came here, and fitted for our Convenience. Our boy, after his rough welcome to town has ever been very well, and my wife has been indifferent considering y^t she is growing round again : she has no great trouble upon her but about w^t she expects at or before X^{mas} : M^{rs} Fletcher runs in her head, and she wo^d give I Know not w^t for a little of y^r Assistance yⁿ. Cos. Rob^t is wth us & has been much vexed wth a quotidian Ague w^{ch} yet continues. I Know not w^t more I have to write but y^t we both give our hearty Love & service to You, & begg You will oblige us wth a Line at y^r convenience. I am y^r affectionate Friend & Kinsman T.B.

Before I co^d send y^s I received w^t followes.

Newcasel July 27 day. Dear Cosin. I could blush for shame to think I have been so long silent, but I hope y^r goodness will pardon me at y^s time. I long to hear of Y^{rs} and Cosins good health, w^{ch} shall be my prayer for I hope John is grown a fine lad and can speak any thing before now. I have been further in y^e North 3 weekes y^t has made me so much y^e longer in writing and since we have been busy making little Cloths for my Aunt growes very near her time, and wⁿ it please God she has got well abroad again I design to leave her, and I hope it will be betwixt Michaelmas, & Martinmass, & yⁿ go to y^e Sparth to my Unkle ; I have not heard from y^m y^s 4 Months. I wonder w^t is y^e matter y. do not write. I long to hear Cos W^m Chippendel and Unkle have made an end of y^r business for y. are both very obstinate. I fancy they are got into y^e great house before now, I hope You are got settled at Cartmel before now. My dear love and service to Cousin, & tell her I long to hear how she is, and whether she was at Sparth wⁿ she thought of going & whether Jolly be gone or no wth his Religion. So must conclude my self Y^r dear Cosin to command Ann Turnley.

This I answered on y^e reverse of my Letter.

Dear Cosin, Before I had y^e convenience of sending y^s I received Y^{rs} (w^{ch} was very acceptable) & now briefly answer it. John begins to prattle and amongst other Things sends Cos. Ann his Ta ; and we all wish y^r Aunt a safe Deliverance. We Know nothing w^t y. do at Sparth, for we have had ne'er a line from y^m Since we came to Cartmel, but believe bro. W^m & Unkle are but as y. used to be, for bro. was here a while Since and let us Know so much. My Wife was at Sparth wⁿ her sister was in child-bed but staid not all Night. We have not enquired whether Jolly be gone but 'tis like he knowes not of better Quarters, nor where he can be

better paid for venting Schism. If you come to Sparth 'Tis not much Further to Cartmel, yⁿ to Sephton, and you might be as welcome here as there. We are not yet very well settled, but shall be (we hope) e'r long. You'l pardon y^s long postscript, or if You have a Mind to punish me for it, let it be y^e same way by a long long Letter, w^{ch} will not offend but mightily oblige y^r humble serv^t T.B.

To Unkle Turnley.

August y^e 20. 1706. S^r I beg you'l excuse our long silence and impute it not to disrespect or forgetfulness, For we oft have designed to write but were letted hitherto: We wo'd fain have been settled here and got quite over some of our Troubles, y^t we have ran our selves into before we let you hear from us, but we find it no such easy matter to disengage ones self as to be done in a Moment. Wⁿ we came hither we were destitute of a house to live in, and were boarders for some time: yⁿ we took some upper rooms, but inconvenient, where we now are, but in y^e interim we bought a house, w^{ch} is a repairing, and not yet finished: We are to pay for it at Candlemas 132^l & y^e repaires we may reckon 20^l, w^{ch} is such a burden to us as we Know not how to sustain, Unless You'l please to help us. We hope Now y^t Rob^t Chippendel is dead,¹ some end may be made wth bro. Wil. y^t You may be in a Capacity to answer our Expectations and free y^r self of y^r Promise. At our first coming to town our little boy was so extream ill, y^t we allmost despaired of his life. but he is now healthy & a strong child: then my Wife was out of order for some time but was restored, thò yet she has frequent Indispositions, but y. being common to Women in her condition, we do not so much regard y^m. Of Late Cos. Rob^t has been very ill of a Quotidian Ague, but means have been used, and he is indifferent well: As for my self, I have reason allwayes to thank my God, for lending me a Moderate health, in a weak and infirm body; and for Enabling me to perform in some measure y^t work he has given me to do. If Coss. Ann Turnley be wth You, my Wife begs you wo'd prevail wth her to come over y^e Sands, to be here in December, to w^m pray, give our hearty Respects, as also our Duty to our Aunt, & Service to M^r Jolly if wth you, and at y^r leasure oblige wth a line or two Y^r

I preach'd at Cartmel fell Chappel y^e 25^o in y^e after noon, & promised M^r Phillipson to write to Oxon about M^r Walker,² as I did Sep^r y^e 6^o as follows.

To y^e Revd M^r W^m Scot, or in his absence to y^e next senior Fellow in Q. C. Oxon. This. S^r. I break a long silence wth a Request, y^t You wo'd please to enquire whether there be one Walker in y^r Col. the Carriers brother: and if there be to ask him what he designs in leaving his Cure so long wth out taking due Care about it. He has for some yeares been reader in a Chappel in y^s Parish, and sho'd have taught school, which he

¹ Perhaps father of the Will. Chippendale who married Ellen Whittingham. The "cousin Robert" mentioned below was Will. Chippendale's son.

² Jonah, s. of Rich. Walker, of Barton, Westmoreland; matric. Queen's Coll., 16 Mar. 1705-6, aged 19; B.A. 13 Mar. 1709-10 (Foster).

has not done (I am told) y^s 2 yeares, and about last Easter he left it, not once acquainting me, or any other except (possibly) his Landlord, and a Neighbouring school master w^m he obliged to read prayers for a few Sundays. Thus has y^e Chappelry in a Manner been desolate ever since, w^{ch} has given great offence to y^e Inhabitants and occasion for Some to go over to y^e Presbyterians, who are nestled only in this Corner of y^e Parish, Pray S^r take y^e Trouble to hear w^t he will say and let me Know wth all convenient speed, y^t if he will not return again, an other may be put into y^e place. If he gives not a satisfactory answer, I must acquaint our B^p and have him ejected. Pardon y^s great trouble and give hearty respects & service to all quondam Acquaintance from Dear S^r y^r very humble Serv^t T.B. Direct for me by Lancaster bagg.

Sept. y^e 21 I had y^s.

Dublin Sep. 10. 1706. S^r. I rec^d Y^{rs} am heartily glad y^t y^r Morning Gown pleased You for I did chuse it for y^e best service and most modest for a Gownman. The stuff cost 17^s 3^d and a shilling for making, So y^a writ to me y^t You had p^d my Sister 17^s so there remains 15^d w^{ch} I desire you may pay my sister, and in so doing you will oblige him who is y^r ever humble Serv^t while I am Wil. Steel. S^r Not forgetting my Kind love to you and y^r Spouse, returning You and her great Thanks for y^r Care of my poor Sister & w^t you do for her I hope I shall repay.

The 22^d I had y^e 2 following.

Queens Coll. Sep. 16. 1706. Reverend Sir, M^r Walker, sometimes a Neighbour of Yours, at present my Pupil here, is under some concern about a Letter w^{ch} You lately sent to M^r Scot. If y^e Gentleman y^t he left to supply either by his negligence or want of due Qualifications throws a burden upon You, he has more reason to begg y^r Pardon, y^a to make an Excuse. His good temper makes me believe, y^t he will be glad to work out part of y^e Obligation upon his return, and his Industry promises fair for his being better qualified for it y^a w^a he left You. If his absence can be born til he has Kept Michaelmas term, he will y^a come both to do his duty, and to thank You, and if in y^e mean time You can render it easier by a little of y^r Assistance in baptizing &c. I shall be glad to take y^e obligation of y^t favour upon my Self, and ready to answer it by any service y^t You can command from Y^r affectionate Friend and humble Serv^t John Gibson.¹ M^r Scot and y^e rest of y^e Society desire y^r Service.

S^r I'm verry sorry y^t Cartmel fell Chappel sho'd (as is evident by y^r letter to M^r Scot) since I left it, be in a manner desolate, and y^t my Absence sho'd give so great offence to y^e Inhabitants, and they thereby sho'd take an Occasion to go to y^e Presbyterians. I'm sure y^t at my Departure th^o 'twas sudden, I took due care y^t y^e place sho'd be supplied by a person wth w^m (as I have been credibly inform'd) y^e Inhabitants have been very

¹ John, son of Rich. Gibson of Bampton, Westmoreland; matric. Queen's Coll. 18 Feb. 1691-92, aged 14; B.A. 1697; M.A. 1700; Fellow 1701; B.D. 1712; D.D. 21 Mar. 1716-17; Provost 1716-30; Canon of Lincoln 1719; of Peterborough 1727; Rector of Farthingston, Northants., 1720, and of Lower Isham 1721; *d.* 1730 (Foster).

well satisfied ; However if either You or they be dissatisfied, I design down wth my Brother after Michaelmass, yⁿ I hope to give satisfaction either by a Constant residence, or a Resignation, till yⁿ I desire y^t M^r Hotblack may supply y^e place, and y^t You wo'd Excuse (S^r) Y^r very humble Serv^t Jo: Walker. Queens Coll Oxon 7^r 15. 1706.

The foregoing Letters occasioned y^s.—To M^r Phillipson at Hedghil.

M^r Phillipson, These Letters came to me on Sunday, w^{ch} You may peruse & if You think fit I sho'd answer y^m please in two lines to give me some Instr^uctions : I have here subjoyned Mine to M^r Scot y^t You may Know w^t & how I have allready writ. This wth Service, & Thanks for all Kindnesses to y^r self & all y^r Family concludes from y^r humble serv^t Tho. Brookbank.

I had y^s next on Monday y^e 23^d.

Dear Cousins, We received Y^{rs} yesterday, we had some times thought long since we heard of You, we have so few of our Relacions y^t will be so Kind wth us, but it brought its welcome, both to y^r Unkle and me, We have cause feelingly to Sympathise wth you under y^r burdens, it hath been our lot for a long time, but it may be we are more ready to be thinking and speaking of our Troubles, yⁿ our Mercies, y^t are great & Many. Y^r Unkle has had for a long time very good measures of health, I have none of y^e strongest body, but have hitherto been upheld, and recovered to w^t sometime I have been, God grant it be for better especially for y^e soul part. We enjoyed y^t you and Y^{rs} are spared all of you, thō you have been often afflicted, yet y^e Lord has not given You over to death. Your Unkle wo'd be as glad to free himself of his promise, w^{ch} was to be done wⁿ he got his Money of Chippendel, if Robert had lived, indeed his death doth give us some ground we had not before, but stil Cos. W^m is unfair wth us as he was ; We have yet waited to See if he wo'd see his own Interest, and do us anything towards right, y^t so we might have to shew our respects to y^e rest of our Relations as well as free us from y^e burden of debt we are in, and much on their Account. We had a meeting after Robert's death ; Accounts was stated, and they were above 900^l in my husbands debt, and he offered it him for 700, but we do not think but we must use y^e Law before we have any right. Their straites cannot but be great & Many. These 2 yeares we look to have profits of Horse-hey, a Man looks to it for us, 10^l 10^s is all y^t we have had, but we have possession, but y. are yet in y^e house. all y^t he doth is to send to Know w^t will be abated, but doth not endeavour to sell, to give us Money or security for any, y^t he will if he must have y^e. [illegible here] little to bate on. They are so Unfair as to deny 500^l . . . [illegible here] he gave y^m wⁿ Robert was born, he sent it by bro: Whittingham hand, but last time he was here he could not call it to memory, but there is some can think of it besides my husband ; but he doth not ask y^m for y^t nor any thing he gave y^m did offer y^m wⁿ we had possession of horse-hey to give Ellin 10^l a year while she lives if they would pay him, but all y^e care is y^t we may have little. We have such men to deal wth y^t we have more fears yⁿ hopes to help You, but heartily wish it might turn to y^t, we sho'd rejoyce y^t we co'd

be helpfull to You at y^e time You are to pay y^e Money, as we wo'd be to ease our selves of w^t is burdensom to us, for we are like all mutually concerned if we can but see it, but they seeme to be so Selfish as to be blinded to see their true interest, for y^e charge at last must light on y^m by falling on y^e Estate. Be sure I shall weary You to let You have our present case. Cosin Ann Turnley is at New Castle wth her Aunt, y^e last I had she was speaking of seeing Lancashire, I am looking to hear from her now, her Aunt there is delivered of her first, it is a son. We have my Cosin Money much w^t her all¹ [*sic*], & she hath but small Kindness from us. Her Unkle hath promised her, w^t our present Circumstances makes us come short in, it is our grief as well as others, but of necessity we must Keep a Conscience in paying w^t we owe, and I hope we may be Kind to our Relations, y^t have been more deserving, yⁿ where it hath been done, and there is want enough there. If y^e Lord see it good to make us possessors of any thing y^t we think is Our own, if we may have right I hope we shall evidence y^e Sincerity of our Designs, as we are Capable. We wish You much Success & Comfort in y^e place You are set, and Cousin well thrô her perillous Condition, for we conclude how it is wth her. Y^r Unkle gives his dear love to You both, but doth not Know y^t You are Capable to do y^r self or any side good, but it may be a certain trouble to have to do wth some. M^r Jolly gives love and service to You both, pray accept y^e same from Y^r Loving Aunt Agnes Turnley. Sparth Sep. 9. 1706.

Next was M^r Phillipsons Answer to mine pag. (448)²

S^r Having perused these y^r letters, I am glad y^t You have heard both from M^r Walker and also from his Tutor, and wⁿ he intends to come down. If You had not written up ——— [2 words illegible here] we sho'd never have had one line from him, either [where ?] he was or of his return; but he pretends by his Letter y^t he has had some Correspondence wth some who writes y^t he is credibly informed, y^t y^e Inhabitants are very well satisfied, w^{ch} I think is but his excuse, For his Tutor declares in his Letter who saith he hath more reason to begg y^r pardon yⁿ to make an excuse. But he had more reason to have acquainted You of his going yⁿ You to have enquired of his coming, g^o as y^e time is short y^t he writes of his coming down, and y^e Winter season coming on for having any Schole it is best I think to see y^e Event thereof, I rest S^r Y^r most humble serv^t Brian Philipson September y^e 26th 1706.

On y^e 11 of October y^e Commissary sho'd have Visited our Church, but he failed, & sent y^s Letter of Excuse.

Ulverstone Friday Oct. 11. S^r I intended to visit y^r Church this morning but y^e tide so falls out, y^t if I sho'd stay to call at Cartmel, I sho'd not get to Visit y^e Churches of Warton, Kellet,³ Bolton, & Halton⁴ w^{ch}

¹ This passage is printed as it stands in the MS., but it makes no sense, and it would appear that Mr. Brockbank in copying his aunt's somewhat illiterate letter may have dropped some words.

² *i.e.* of MS.; see letter dated 24 Sept. 1706, *ante*.

³ Kellet is a township, etc., 5½ miles N.E. of Lancaster.

⁴ Halton is about 2½ miles N.E. of Lancaster.

I must do y^s day, and $\overline{g}o$ you must excuse me to y^e Parish, and acquaint y^m y^t I intend (God willing) to visit y^r Church y^e next Visitation in May. In y^e mean time tell y^m I expect to find y^e Roof & leads in good Order, y^e floor flagged plaine and even, y^e Walls well plaistered whitened & beautified, y^e Windowes well glazed, y^e Creed, Lords prayer, Ten Commandments & some sentences set up, a Table of degrees of Marriage hung up, y^e Pulpit & reading desk, decent and Convenient, a good Bible & common prayer book, good railles before y^e Altar, good surplice, a large and decent Carpet for y^e Communion Table, and a large fine good linen Table cloth and Napkin, Chalice Flagons &c Register Book, Book for Ch. Wardens Accounts, Book of Homilies, Cannons & 39 Articles. Queens Proclamation agst Immoralities, & Profaneness & Act agst Cursing and swearing, both w^{ch} You are to read 4 times a year. That y^e bells be in good Order, That y^e Chancel be also in good repair. Forget not to send me a return of y^e Papists in y^r Parish. M^r Marmaduke Lambert and M^r Heblethwaite will stay till y^e next Tide to dispatch some Wills in y^e Parish, and I desire You will by y^m give me an account w^t things are defective. Please to present my humble Service to y^e good Lady at Hooker (who I intended to have waited on if y^e Tide would have permitted) I am S^r Y^r most humble Serv^t Tho: Waite.

My answer to M^r Waite.

Cartmel Oct. 11. 06. S^r. The whole Country is obliged to y^r Care in Visiting our decaying Church and we of this Place especially sho'd have been glad y^t y^r convenience wo'd have permitted You to view ours: I need not tell You 'tis a noble Fabric, but we wish there was not occasion to say 'tis out of Order. Of late little care has been taken of it, and th^o Since my coming here I have endeavoured to excite y^e Churchwardens to y^r Duties, I cannot boast y^t much is done. A pretended Difficulty (& I believe a true one) is want of Money: It has been y^e Custom to collect 20 Marks a year by so much a house no regard had to y^e Estate, for where all y^e land is sold no part of y^e Assesm^t goes wth y^e Land, so y^t now generally y^e poorer sort of people are onely burthened, and y^e Rich some wholly free, and others pay very little. This has caused many to refuse paying, and y^e method being irregular, no means has been used to force y^m. To redress y^s we have followed y^r Instructions in our last 'Sess, and laid it by Valuation of Estates: And y^s does not please all, some are willing to pay, and others say y. will not. This is our present case, but I hope e'r y^e next Visitation things may be brought to a better pass; if not, we shall earnestly desire y^r assistance yⁿ. If y^r Worship had been here y^s day, I sho'd have desired y^r Advice & leave about erecting Some new seats, for we have not good Convenience for one half of our Congregation. I sho'd also have troubled you wth some other small matters w^{ch} may be deferred till hereafter, and if I presume to do something plainly tending to y^e good of y^e church, wthout Order, I will hope for a Candid construction, and if I err, for Pardon. I have here enclosed y^e names of our Papists, according to y^e best Information I can get, and shall study to make those Bookes &c usefull w^{ch} came wth y^r Letter and also shew my self S^r Y^r very humble Serv^t T.B.

To Mr Marsden at Walton.

November y^e 8^o. S^r. We have long expected to hear from You, but hitherto being disappointed, we fear y^t either You are not well, or y^t y^r Letter has miscarried, for we cannot doubt y^r Care or Kindness. If all's well wth You we shall be very glad wⁿ You'l let us Know so much, and it will be a great favour if You will acquaint us wth y^e B^{ps} Sentiments about this Place. I have reason to think some [one] has given an unfriendly Character of me to his Lord^{sh} and others, and I find I am painted wth y^e face of a Presbyterian : I Know no reason Why I am so dealt wth unless it be because I am serious and hearty in performing my Duty, & tell people of theirs and their Errors wth more Liberty yⁿ they have been used to : But let it prove as it will, I hope to persevere, and Keep on my Way, tho' y^t sho'd get me powerfull Enemies. S^r please to peruse y^e following Case, and oblige me at y^r leisure wth y^r Thoughts of it.

A. a shopkeeper [*in margin*, of a good family & of good behaviour] keeps company for 3 or 4 yeares wth B. a Young Gentle [woman] : He courts her to marriage, Promises pass betwixt y^m. They repeat y^e words of Marriage once and again before witnesses at different times, a ring is given and taken, and it appears y^t y^e wedding has been consummated, for y^e Gentlewoman is wth child : Now, A will no otherwise marry B. has refused before a Magistrate to take her as his wife and will mention y^e child no other wise yⁿ a Bastard. Quære whether y^s marriage be ——— [*illegible*], wth w^t crime B. stands guilty of ? w^t course is to be taken wth A. in w^t Court he is to be presented ? Whether I can safely refuse y^e Sac^t to him if he come to receive ? &c. I desire only a very short answer for my own satisfaction, and y^r Pardon for this great trouble, and y^t You wo'd please to continue y^r Favourable Opinion of S^r Y^r most obliged humble serv^t Pray give hearty service to all y^r Family & to y^t over y^e way.

To W^m Harrison.

William I hope e'r this You have gathered the small Arrears due to me in y^r Parish : If You have pray return y^m either to M^r Rob^t Rowson or M^{rs} Hodson at y^e George by y^e ——— [*illegible*] in Liverpool, and at y^e same time oblige me wth two lines about y^e affaires of y^e parish, for I still am desirous to hear of y^r Matters. Give my hearty Respects to y^r good Wife, y^r Father, & all y^r Neighbours ; to M^r Moreton & his sisters ; R^d Rose, Rob^t Bootle, Tho: Bradley, Ant. Darwen, Ant. Fleetwood, & to all Friends as you have opportunity. I am Y^r Sincere Friend T.B.

To M^{rs} Mary Hodson.

Mary, 'Tis now a great while since I heard from You & gō I send you this to oblige you to take pen in hand and let us Know how you do : I have enclosed two Letters w^{ch} I desire you to Send as directed, and I begg y^t You'l take y^e trouble to see my Lead put aboard on any of y^e ships y^t come into our waters ; for we have use for it : I desired Rob^t Canny to speak about it but I suppose he forgat it. If you remember I rated it at twenty shillings, and 'tis cheap at y^t rate for it cost 30, and 'tis little y^e

worse : if you can get so much send me y^e money, having first payed y^r Self, or else send y^e Lead, & I shall take care y^t you be paid. My Hearty service to y^r Self & husband concludes y^s from Y^r affectionate friend & Serv^t T.B.

To Aunt Turnley.

Dear Aunt, We take it as a very great Argument of y^r Kindness y^t you wo'd so speedily answer ours, after so long a Silence : it so particularly informs us how matters go : I co'd wish they were better, and y^t all men wo'd act honestly as Christians ought, y^t Unkle might be freed from y^e Troubles of y^e Law, and enjoy Peace & ease in his old dayes y^t y^e Cares of y^s world might not disturb him, and make him forget y^e greater Concerns of another Life : I co'd wish & pray for y^s and w^t ever else might tend either to y^{rs} or his welfare, but at y^e same time I am thinking y^t Man is born to trouble, y^t y^e way to heaven is thrô many Tribulations & Crosses, That a red Sea & Wilderness is to be gone thrô before a Canaan can be entered, and y^t wⁿ God chastens, he chastens and scourges every son w^m he receives. Such thoughts as these sho'd prevail wth us patiently to bear w^t Burden y^e all wise God sees fit to lay on us, and thô we may lawfully pray agst y^e evils of Punishment, as our Sav^r agst y^e Cup, yet after y^t divine Example it must be wth entire Submission to y^e Divine Will, Thy will not mine be done : we sho'd rather pray y^t God wo'd Sanctify his Chastisement, and we sho'd strive, y^e more he strikes, y^e nearer to get to him, to fly from our sins and learn Righteousness. I trespass on y^r Patience for w^{ch} I begg y^r Pardon : Thô all things go not as we wo'd have them, yet God is Kind to us, lends us health, and Necessaries, & somew^t more. My wife growes bigg, and is very desirous of Cos. Ann's Company towards y^e latter end of next Month ; If she be wth You, use w^t arguments You can to prevail wth her to see us : If she fear y^e sands, let us Know wⁿ she'l be at Lancaster, and we'l take care she shall have a guide and w^t other Attendants she pleases. Pray give our hearty Respects to her if wth You, as also to M^r Jolly, w^{ch} wth Duty to Unkle and y^r Self, concludes from Y^r obliged Nephew & Serv^t T.B.

On y^e 9th I received y^s.

S^r I received y^e enclosed by y^e post y^s morning, w^{ch} I have sent You, y^t you may see M^r Marsden hath been mindfull of his promise, and y^t I do endeavour to serve you, who am Y^r assured Friend and serv^t E. Preston. No. y^e 9. My Service to y^r Wife.

The enclosed was as followes. To y^e honoured Madam Elizabeth Preston at Holkar in Cartmel.

Walton Nov^{ber} 1706. Madam. The day I had y^r last, I received from M^r Shaw my part of y^e 100^l sent by You, for w^{ch} I thank You, M^r Hawling brought it to Warrington : but I seldom see him living at so great distance from his road into y^e North. Soon after my return from You I waited on our good Bis^p at Wigan, and fully laid open M^r Proddy's condition, and his Lordship said he wo'd consider how best to secure good M^r

Brookbank. And I went to Chester since upon y^e same Errand. My Lord mentioned two wayes for y^e doing it, but rather seemed resolved utterly to deprive him. Upon y^e receipt of Y^{rs} I have written to his Lord^{sh} assuring him y^t M^r Brookbank is so good a Man y^t in case of M^r Proddys deprivall, he will voluntarily allow him some competent Sum towards his yearly maintenance. I hope y^e matter will be Shortly settled: and wⁿ I receive my Lords answer w^{ch} may be in a few dayes I will transmit it to You. May y^e good God preserve y^r self and yours. My humble service to y^r Self, Conishead and M^r Brookbank ends y^s from Madam Y^r most humble serv^t Thomas Marsden.

The 28 I had y^s

Newcastle Novem. 19. day. Dear Cosen. I cannot but trouble dear Cosen wth my scrole for I shall long to hear of y^r good health and welfare & dear Cosens w^{ch} I shall for ever wish and long to hear of. We have got a very fine lad, he is little Johns Second, w^{ch} has engaged me this Winter to stay at Newcastle. I have had a letter from my Aunt Turnley, and she is allwayes in Want & trouble, for my part I think it will be all ways so wth y^m, I wonder how they manage. I Thought to have been at Sparth before now, but y^e long Nights sitting by so dull Company frighted me: I wish I had been near You a part of this long and melancholy time of Winter. I hope ——— [*illegible but probably Cousin*] has her health better yⁿ she has ——— ——— ——— [*several words illegible*] Aunts Service to her and mine, and dear love to John. I am affraid You cannot read mine, it be so writ but hope y^r goodness will accept it, and you will for Ever oblige y^r friend and servant to command Ann Turnley Pray wⁿ You have opportunity let me hear from You.

My Answer. To M^{rs} Ann Turnley at M^r Joseph Wetherburns in y^e Fleshmarket near S^t Nicholas' Church in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Cartmel Dec. 6^o. 1706. Dear Cousin, You may wonder if I wish You had been at Melancholy Sparth y^s Winter, but you Know self Interest will do much: Had You been there I wo'd have been as importunate as any of y^r hottest sparks to have brought you over y^e sands: Indeed I durst have done no other for fear of Incurring my Wifes displeasure who thinks no body co'd hold her back so well as You: She reckons but till Christmas, and I make some doubt, whether we can Keep her on her feet so long. She had hopes of y^r Company til a week since wⁿ we received Y^{rs} but y^t quash'd y^m all. She has uneasy Nights and dayes too sometimes, but We hope for mends. Aunt Turnley was pleased to send us a very long letter and in it gave us Account of I Know not w^t Troubles, and y^e other day our Robert had one from his Mother, w^{ch} intimated y^t they had had an other Meeting and y^t Things were a siding. This is all I Know of y^m Only M^r Jolly gave us his service & superscription w^{ch} is strong ——— [*illegible*] he loves Sparth better yⁿ either You or I. Wife thanks You for y^r Service you sent her but wishes rather y^t You had brought it y^r self: she desires You to accept of hers for y^r Self and Aunt as does also Y^r affectionate Friend & Kinsman Tho: Brookbanke.

[A Post-script here illegible by damp.]

To M^r Rob^t Hebblethwaite at Watsfield by Kendal.

Cartmel Dec. 6. 1706. M^r Heblethwaite, I have allready disposed of y^e 2 Licences you left wth me, and if You think fit, You may send me some more, wth Y^e Lowest Rates, and w^t y^e Apparitors must have : I acknowledge You did inform me of this, but I do not perfectly remember it, and fear I mistake bec. every body tells me the can have y^m of other persons much cheaper yⁿ You ordered me to take for y^m. Please to give my service to M^r Lambert and accept y^e same from Y^r Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Simon Wilson at Kendale or at Endmoor.¹ id.

M^r Wilson, I thank You for y^r Care about y^e Tickin y^u sent us by Jos: Bowerdel and desire You to oblige me wth y^e like Care in procuring 6 or 8 yards more such : We have present occasion for it, $\overline{g}o$ I earnestly begg you'd do y^r best to send it by y^e bearer wth y^e rate and you shall very thankfully be repayed by y^r much obliged F. & Serv^t T.B.

On y^e 10^o I had y^e next by George Lendyn.

Reverend S^r. Public notice was given yesterday by M^r Holdblack for y^e Inhabitants to meet next Thursday by one of y^e clock to consult about y^e Chappel Affaires, it being thought y^e most proper way by Cap. Fleming M^r Hutton & some others. The main Concern being about M^r Walker's absence so long and not Knowing positively whether he will come down shortly and remain wth us or give a resignation, whereby we may be satisfied, but being at a Period, not Knowing w^{ch} way to work we do apply our selves to You desiring y^r Assistance herein, and if You co'd wth Y^r convenience come up to amongst us next Thursday and give us y^r approbation Y^u having had 2 lines from M^r Walker ; Or give us two lines w^{ch} way you think most safe and readiest way to be done herein, and we will take it as a great obligation, & satisfaction to us all S^r Y^r Affectionate [?] ——— [illegible] & humble serv^t Bryan Philipson. Dec. 9th, 1706.

My Answer.

Dec. 10. 1706. M^r Phillipson, If I can wth convenience attend y^e meeting on Thursday You may assure y^r Self I will : But lest y^e Weather or my Wife (who is very near her utmost Count) or somew^t else hinder me, I send You this now in answer to Y^{rs}. That some Course be taken about y^e Chappel is my earnest desire, and since M^r Walker has been, and still is negligent, it may be convenient he sho'd be ejected. In his Letter he promises to be down wth his bro^r. In w^{ch} (as in other things) he has fail'd and $\overline{g}o$ cannot reasonably complain if w^t he so little regards be taken from him, and conferred on some other y^t will be carefull. Yet it may not be amiss (as I think) to give either him or his Tutor some Intimation of w^t is design'd w^{ch} (if you please to give me Orders) I shall do : And if no Answer or no satisfactory one be returned, then let y^e B^p be desired to

¹ Endmoor is a village 5 miles S. of Kendal.

wthdraw his Licence and give leave for a new Election. My mind gives me y^t M^r Walker will never reside more wth You, and w^t his Tutor tells me of his being better qualified to serve y^e Cure, is to me an Arg^t y^t he will fly at higher Game. If You think this proposed Method a little too tedious, You may cut it shorter by Writing straight to y^e B^p giving him Account how matters are. Pray give my hearty Respects to y^e Inhabitants Specially to y^r own Family, and accept y^e Same from Y^r much obliged Serv^t T.B.

To y^e Rev^d M^r Brookbank Minister at Cartmell.

Watsfield, Xēember y^e 14th. 1706. Y^{rs} I reced wherein You mention y^e disposal of y^e Licences I left wth You; and as to y^e Fees w^{ch} I acquainted You would be expected for y^m they were no higher yⁿ y^e rest of y^e Surrogates ——— [illegible] and w^{ch} M^r Commissary and my Master ordered me to let You have ——— [illegible] being y^e same we take at y^e Office, I cannot ——— [illegible] suspicion of some cheat to y^e Office) think y^t ——— [illegible] Clergy who are intrusted wth Licences, will dispose of y^m for Lower Fees yⁿ we ourselves receive & w^{ch} each of y^m account to us for, for they cannot in fairness do it wth out making y^m selves Loosers by y^m. You may be assured M^r Commissary & my Master would be as ready to oblige You as any of y^e Surrogates in letting you have y^m upon as low terms as possibly they can, & any other hath, w^{ch} is 17^s 2^d a piece besides 1^s to y^e Apparitor. This is w^t M^r Yates of Whitehaven, and M^r Crosby of Kendal w^{ch} dispose more yⁿ all y^e rest allmost of y^e Clergy in our Jurisdiction do account for; I have sent you two more lest you should want more in this advent Season, and wⁿ You have disposed of y^m upon two Lines you may have more at any time Sent you by S^r Y^r very humble Serv^t Rob^t Heblethw^t.

To M^r Thomas Brookbank

December 16th 1706. S^r Some of y^e Inhabitants met last Thursday, returning You many Thanks, for y^r Care in sending us y^r Opinion, and satisfactory Answer, And thereupon as we have given You Trouble already, makes us more bolde to desire y^s 2^d Request y^t You wo^d be pleased to enclose these 2 lines to some of y^r Acquaintance in y^e University, desiring him or You to put a seal to it before it be delivered to M^r Walker: and if He will give no positive answer hereof desiring y^r Friend to give you an Answer w^t he has done herein y^t some other Course may be taken about procuring an other in his place, w^{ch} is all from Y^r most humble Serv^t Brian Philipson. Pray give my service to y^r dear bedfellow wishing her a happy hour.

The inclosed ——— [illegible]. For M^r Jonah Walker at Queens Col: in Oxford.

Cartmel fel Chappel December the 12th 1706. M^r Walker, Y^r long Absence after such a parting wth y^r Neighbours, moves us now to write that we immediately expect y^r coming down, or by y^e first Post Send a Letter of y^r Resignation unto Y^r Friends Rich^d Fleming. Will: Hutton. Brian Philipson. Antony Strickland. Thomas Kilner. John Addison.

This I inclosed in one to M^r Jo: Gibson fellow of Q. Col. Oxon.

Cartmel Dec. 20. 1706. S^r Any thing from Oxford is stil very gratefull to me thō I wish there had been no occasion for y^t Trouble my Letter to M^r Scot put You to: If Y^{rs} had required a speedy answer you might have expected one, but I hoped M^r Walker wo'd not have caused me to write again; In his to me he promises to be down wth his Bro. w^{ch} pacified y^e Inhabitants of his Chapelry til his bro: returned, but he not coming yⁿ nor writing to any of y^m they are much dissatisfied, and at a meeting in y^e Chappel resolved to be no longer slighted by him. This You may partly understand by y^e enclosed, w^{ch} You are desired to give sealed to y^r Pupil, and to take his Final answer, & also (wth y^r first convenience) to let me Know w^t he will do. I wish him to resign, for y^e place (being but about 10^l p an.) is not worth his Keeping, especially since he is not for teaching school, and he has so much disoblged his People, y^t he cannot expect to live easy among y^m. S^r I am much importuned to write as I do, thō I am glad of an Opportunity of writing to and hearing from Oxon, and you may please to tell my quondam Fellow-pupil M^r Scot, y^t if Ever he have 2 moments he Knowes not how better to employ, I begg he will handle his pen, and let it give me some Account of y^r University Affaires, particularly w^{ch} of my Acquaintance are yet in y^e Coll &c. To him and y^e rest of y^e Society give hearty Respects & humble service from S^r Y^r Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Brian Phillipson.

Cartmel Dec. 24. 1706. M^r Phillipson Y^{rs} of y^e 16^o I recd, and sent y^e inclosed in one of my own to M^r Walkers Tutor, and hope to be answered e'r long: But y^s is not y^e chief occasion of y^e present trouble: y^t is to desire M^r Hotblack (or who else officiates on Sundays) to give notice for y^e Sac^t & a sermon y^e first sunday in y^e New Year, *i.e.* y^e 5th of January; I desire him to read one of y^e Exhortations, and perhaps (bec. y^e Inhabitants are very backward) y^e 2^d may be y^e more proper. That day I hope to see you & y^r Family at y^e Chappel and it may be at y^r house too, but a neighbouring Gentlewoman is to be attended on, w^{ch} y^r excuse me if I then pay you not those respects due to you from Y^r much obliged Serv^t T.B.

To Mary Hodson, id.

Mary. I have writ several times to you about my Lead, & believe y^t all my Letters co'd not miscarry, and gō conclude y^t You Know I desire Either it, or money for it: I had rather have y^e Lead it self for we shall Occasion for such an one, but if you have disposed of it at 20^s (w^{ch} is y^e lowest I can take as I have formerly told You) out of y^e price drink 1^s 6^d wth y^e bearer, take 1^s 6^d more to y^r self (w^{ch} I owe you) and pray send me y^e rest by y^e same hand. I am sorry so often to put trouble upon You, nor know I how to make you any suitable return but wⁿ Opportunity serves You may command w^t lies in y^e power of Y^r much obliged Friend & Serv^t T.B. Wifes & my Service attend you & y^r husband.

Recd y^e 31st

Xber XXXth. S^r. Cap. Fleming and others of y^e Inhabitants wo'd glad Know whether You have Maid any thing concerning M^r Walker or

no, For he and his Lady in tends to be at y^e Chappel next Sunday, and I hope will dine wth me, g^o if You wo'd be pleased to bring y^r horse to my house, and bear him Company I will take it as a great Favour, and yⁿ we may advise wth You more fully about y^e matter, and excuse my Neigh^r till y^r next coming. I rest y^r most humble serv^t Brian Philipson.

The next came y^e 2 of January.

S^r Y^r good and Kind letter we had, and it was very acceptable, we received it just y^e day after we had been to meet Cosin Chippendel & his Wife in order to agreem^t, w^{ch} was y^t day concluded in verbal Words: for we do not yet Know of any that will be bound to make his words good; til yⁿ our security is like to stand good agst^t his Estate, if it come to nothing we lose time, and do chuse to loose a deal of our right for peace sake — The Terms are y^t we have 600^l paid or secured att Candlemas, and y^r Unkle to give five pounds a year her life: He was very Unfree as all might see y^t was present: I did all I could to perswade him, our time is not like to be so long — He thinks it a very great abatem^t, and y^r lying & denying w^t he did in way of Gift grieves him much, but I say worse persons are and harder shift one wo'd make to be rid of y^m. Cosin Ann has put off her Winter Journey, I heard of y^r letter to her & hers to you, it made me make less haste to answer Y^{rs}. I had hers yesterday and sorry she cannot serve you. We shall long to hear of y^r wife's safe delivery, if it be y^e will of God we desire to rejoyce in y^e goodness of God to You, in — [illegible] — [illegible] Condition wherin you see y^e goodness of God — [illegible] This both our dear loves to you both — [illegible] from y^r Unkle & Ant Turnley. Pray let us hear wⁿ You have a Convenience how it is wth Cosin: she is in a strange place, but God is every where unchangeably good, wants some of her Relations but has You.

This same day I sent y^s to Madam Preston.

Jan. 2^d 1706. Madam. I take y^e boldness to acquaint y^r Ladyship y^t my wife was delivered of a Daughter about 2 hours since [I writ about 5 aclock] & to all y^r former Favours desires you to add one more, Namely y^t you wo'd send her a little oyl of sweet almonds. This with Thanks and humble service is from Madam Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

The next came to me y^e 5^o.

Queens Coll. Dec. 29. 1706. S^r Y^r last was so very acceptable both in respect of the civility and Kindness it shewed, and y^e seasonableness of it, y^t I cannot but own my self particularly obliged. I ought indeed to have prevented it by acquainting You sooner y^t I have disposed of M^r Walker so y^t he cannot be expected again at his Chappel. About 6 weekes ago I had an Opportunity of recommending him to a Curacy of 25^l p^a an in Sommersetshire, and I hope he is settled there to a double advantage in being nearer to y^e University, and having a better Income. He went thither upon some Uncertainty and y^t I hope will excuse his delaying his resignation, and not have him under y^e hard Censure of slighting his Friends. He alwayes mentioned his Cure to me wth so much respect and such a gratefull regard to every person belonging to it y^t he had been

down wth his Brother only to express y^t in taking his Farewell of y^m. If I had not opposed it upon Account of y^e Inconveniencies y^t would attend such a Journey in y^e Winter — [illegible] have been in or a great — [illegible] [illegible] was sufficiently supplied in M^r Walkers absence. Since it happens otherwise, and y^e gentleman he left to take care of it does not give satisfaction, the Trustees have a great deal of Reason to proceed to a new Election, and I heartily wish y^m happy in their Choice. If they are guided by a person of your learning and discretion I doubt not but they will be so. I have writ this day to M^r Walker, & inclosed the note w^{ch} I received in Y^{rs}, and I doubt not but he will give his friends full satisfaction if they will have patience for a few dayes. I heartily wish y^m and You a happy new Year, and shall be glad of any opportunity of giving You farther assurance Your affectionate friend and humble Servant John Gibson. I acquainted M^r Scot wth Y^r Civil request, and you may shortly expect his answer.

This I inclosed in y^e next.—To M^r Philipson

Car. Jan. y^e 6^o 1706. M^r Philipson, I was welcomed home last night wth y^e inclosed w^{ch} (wth hearty Thanks for all y^r Civilities), I now send you to be communicated to y^r Neighbours: It makes y^e Case so plain, y^t I think there needs not much more consultation about it, for if you proceed to an Election and send y^e letter of M^r Gibson, wth w^m you shall elect to y^e Bis^p his Lordship doubtless will thereupon be satisfied of a Vacancy, and concur wth y^r Desires. I am y^r much obliged Friend & Serv^t T.B.

To Aunt Turnley.

Cartmel January 8^o. 1706, Dear Aunt, About one of y^e clock y^e same day y^t I received Y^{rs} viz^t. y^e 2^d of January my Wife was delivered after hard labour of a Daughter: ¹ I sho'd sooner have communicated y^s to you but y^t I thought it more adviseable, to deffer it 'till we saw some hopes of Recovery, w^{ch} now (thanks to y^e Author) we have. Both my wife and children are as well as we can reasonably expect, thô not past danger, for who is? Our Trust is not in y^e Visible strength y^t y^e world takes notice, but in him who thus long has supported our Feeble Bodies: Out of weakness he makes strong, & from y^e gates of Death raises to life again: 'Tis his former Mercies y^t make us look for future ones, yet wth too great Confidence Knowing we deserve none. Pardon abruptness, I have business on my hands, y^t hastens me: I can onely add our Duty & service to you both, and conclude Y^r obliged Nephew T.B.

To Bro. Chippendel.

Cart. Jan. 8. 1706. Bro. The 2^d Instant I had a D^r born wth very great pain to her Mo^r but both I hope are likely to do well: My Wife begins to get up, and has some milk in one breast w^{ch} y^e Child gets not wthout much offending y^e Nipple. Y^r Son & mine are Well, and we sho'd all be glad to hear y^t you & y^r Family were so too, and also y^t Unkle and

¹ Mary, who was living in 1728.

you had made a good End of y^e Troubles betwixt You. We have some self Interest in y^s For we look for nothing from Unkle, 'till you are agreed. This wth Love & service from us both & duty from y^r Son concludes From Y^r lo: Bro: T.B.

To Fa: Whittingham.

Cartmel Jan 8^o. 1706. S^r Tis now a great while Since we heard from You w^{ch} makes us fear all's not well wth You, or y^t our last has been some offence to You : But I will hope y^e Contrary, and at present put You to y^e Trouble of this to desire a line at y^r Convenience, & to tell You y^t y^r D^r was brought to bed of a fine Lass on y^e 2^d Instant, and now (God be thanked) are in a hopefull way of Recovery. Our boy is very hearty, and Rob^t is also well, and we hope y^s will find You all in y^e like Condition. This is our hearty desire, w^{ch} wth Duty & love to w^m Due concludes from Y^r Son & Serv^t T.B.

To Mr^s Edmundson in Ulverston.

Cartmel, Jan y^e 8^o. 1706. Dear Cousin, My wifes importunity causes me to give you the trouble of y^s to tell You, she is safely delivered of a Daughter, and y^t both are likely to do well, and also to desire You and y^r husband to dine wth us on Sunday, on w^{ch} day we are for christening my D^r. My Wife has also a further Request namely y^t You wo'd please to stand Godmother, w^{ch} I dare not ask of You. Please to return an Answer by y^e Bearer &c. T.B.

Her Answer

Dear S^r I received y^{rs} wth y^e good Newes of my Cosins safe delivery, and am mighty glad to hear she is in so hopefull a way to recovery : I wish You much Comfort of both y^r dear Babes, I shall be ready to serve You in this, or any other Affair to the utmost of my power. My husband is gone over Sands, and Will not return till y^e latter end of y^e next week, but I design to be wth You on Saturday Night or Sunday morning. My Kind respects to Cosin Brookbank, I am Dear Sir Y^r most obliged Kinswoman & humble serv^t E. Edmondson. Jan. 9. 1706.

The 10^o This came

January y^e 9. 1706. M^r Brookbank, I must make bold to tell You y^t you carried my Clock very suddenly, wth out my Consent or Knowledge ; I made no bargain wth you for it S^r y^u were a little too hasty in y^r Dealings in y^t Case, and in all reason, I sho'd be master of my Own goodes, & I must tell You if it had gone into my Sale, as one person told me presently after you were gone S^r he would have given 45^s for it, and will do it yet. So I pray S^r either to pay me y^e same price or return it me again speedily, and you will oblige Y^r Friend & Serv^t, Edw. Harrison.

My Answer to Thomas Casson.

Jan. 11^o. Thomas, You may peruse y^e inclosed letter, & judge as you see Cause : I think it not worth Answering, but send You herewth

30^s w^{ch} I desire you to tender to M^r Harrison, and if he think not ready money as good as ballancing wth Creditors, pray tell him y^e Clock shall be deliver'd to him or his Order, wⁿ he pleases. I pity his infirmities and misfortunes, w^{ch} causes me to spare him, And send ——— [illegible] my Service as willing to do for those y^t Know not or cannot do ——— [illegible] y^m selves. I am (wth hearty respects to Y^u & Y^{rs}) Y^r obliged Friend & Serv^t T.B.

The next came y^e 12th.

Jan. 11th day. 1706. S^r, I have received y^r Letter, and am very glad of it, we were all very glad to hear of her good recovery. I begg y^r Excuse for my neglect of writing to You, for I have been much out of Order any time this half year; I have had great pain in my head w^{ch} has decayed my Eysight. My brother Turnley¹ and my Son Chippendel are agreed, my son C gives him 600^l. William has published y^e sale of his land, The sale of it will be y^e next Weddensday 15. of this Month. W^m will be wth You about a week or 10 dayes hence. No more at present but our Service to you all from Y^r Father Tho: Whittingham.

The 14th I had this.

Kendale 6^o Jan^{ry} 1706. S^r. You will give me leave to acquaint you y^t I design to pay you a Visit at Cartmel on Tuesday y^e Twenty first instant, shall be wth you ab^t 12 a clock, if any business be to be dispatched we can do it in y^e afternoon, and so proceed in our Journey to Ulverstone y^t Evening: we shall be at y^e old house, where y^r Company will extreamly oblige S^r Y^r humble Serv^t Jos: Lambert.

Y^e 17^o y^e Next came to my hands.

Leverpool Janu. 11th 1706. S^r. After my humble service presented to Your self, & to y^r good Wife S^r these lines may inform You y^t I would have sent you y^e pan by Jo: Carter y^s time, but he was full loaden, and co'd not take ——— [illegible] will send it either by him or else by y^e first y^t ——— [illegible] you have in y^r hands, you must pay it to ——— [illegible] at present, but rest Y^r ever loving Friend to Command ——— [illegible]

This y^e 19^o.

Bashall Jan. 13. 1706. Bro. I received Yours and am glad to hear y^t sister is safely delivered, wishing you much joy of y^r Daughter. My Wife has been much concerned for her sister, but y^r letter hath given satisfaction. You give account y^t y^e rest of y^r Family is in good health, as we are at present, only y^e Children have been in y^e Small Pocks, and my Wife has been very much troubled wth pain in her Knee joynts, but is much better. To be sure Unkle & I have absolutely agreed, w^{ch} I hope will be no worse for You, but as to y^t I shall give You a particular account

¹ This supports the idea that Tho. Whittingham's wife was Rich. Turnley's sister.

hereafter. I design (if please God) to see You at Cartmell wthin one fortnight time. My wife gives her blessing to y^r Son, & blessing to Ours, & service to You both, pray for Sisters safe Recovery out of Child bed, desiring one line from You as shortly as possible I rest y^r Bro to Ablige W^m Chippindel.

To M^{rs} Preston

C. Jan. y^e 30th 1706. Madam, This paper ought to blush for y^e writers boldness, in putting so frequent and great trouble upon Y^r Ladyship : Nor has he any thing to urge for Excuse, but a Kind of Necessity, not Knowing where to seek Elsewhere, for w^t he wants. My Wife's ague continues, and M^{rs} Knipe persuades her y^t an Orange roasted and split, and applied wth Mithridate to y^e wrists of her hands before her fit comes to morrow, will help to stop it : if y^r Ladyship approves of y^s medicine, and has some store of Oranges by You, we begg you wo^d please to Send one by y^e bearer. Those y^r Ladyship gave us we have made use of, nor can we get one in y^s Town, so y^t we are forced to send to y^e good orchard at Holker for this Fruit. Indeed I am ashamed to be allwayes receiving, and allwayes craving like a greedy beggar : 'Tis agst y^e bent of my Inclination, to be thus over loaden wth Kindnesses, and make no Return. It almost tempts me to complain of my — [illegible] tied up my hands, thô I have more yⁿ — [illegible] be content since my wants — [illegible] by y^r Ladyship. I have nothing to add — [illegible] Service, and y^t I am wth all Thankfullness Y^r most obliged humble Serv^t

Madam Prestons answer y^e same day,

S^r I am sorry M^{rs} Brockbankes Ague continues, I have sent a cupple of Cheny Oringes, but I believe they sho^d be Sevil, w^{ch} is not to be got, except y^e vessels lately come in from Ireland may have any. I wish I had any thing y^t might contribute to her ease & Recovery, You sho^d be truly welcome, for I am to you both Y^r asured Friend & Servant E. Preston. Just as I was going to seal y^s Letter I had 3 Sevil Oringes sent me, so I have sent You a Cupple, for Cheny is not proper, and I wish y^m good Success. Y^u may send to Betty Cowperthwaite who was cured of her Ague wth Mustard ; It did once cure me of an Ague.

For Ned Turner.

Feb. 4^o. Honest Ned, Wⁿ You go next to Liverpool, pray bring me y^e Lead y^t Mary Hodson has of Mine, and 12 Tiles for an Oven bottom, 7 Inches square if You can meet wth any Such : If You cannot, get such as You may, and You shall be honestly & Thankfully paid for all by y^r Friend T.B.

To Thomas Cassan at Cark

Feb. 5^o. Thomas, My Friend y^e Bearer is troubled wth some sores, w^{ch} are supposed y^e Evil, and he now Comes to ask Y^r Touch ; He will be Ordered by You, to stay wth You as You think fit, and will pay for his board before he leaves You. I need say no more, but send my service & hearty respects to You and Y^{rs} being Y^r much obliged

The 16th my wife had this.

Good M^{rs} Brockbank, I have sent some powder, w^{ch} I wo'd have You give M^r Brockbank at going to bed, it is a very good safe powder, y^e best y^t can be given in any distemper, I have sent some Milk water, you must mix it in a spoon, and give him a little of y^e Water after it to wash it out of his mouth. I hope to hear to Morrow y^t he is better, I pray god grant You all y^r health, so prayes y^r Assured Friend & Serv^t E. Preston.

The 22 I had y^s

Feb. y^e 21 day 1706-7. S^r, According to y^r desire I bespake a Wigg of y^s Bearer Roger Beak, and he hath some business to M^r Knipe at Broughton hall,¹ and he hath a desire to see it fit: and as for y^e price I think it will be 13^s or 14^s w^{ch} I do think it well worth, being in haste from Y^{rs} to Command John Cork.

The 4th I had y^s by Wil: Pennington.

February y^e 6th day 1707. Thornton.² Most Reverent M^r Brookbank and M^{rs} y^s is to acquaint you, y^t we have been very weak all this Winter, my husband is in better health yⁿ I, thanks be to God for y^e same; We are glad of y^e Safe deliverance of y^r little daughter, and all y^r Families health: all Neighbours are glad to hear of y^r Wellfare: If I were in y^e same state y^t they are, wth Gods Assistance I wo'd see You once a year thô wth grief to part wth You again. My Tongue cannot express my love and desire to be nigh You, So no more at present — — — [illegible] prayers for You and I desire Yours for — — — [illegible] fail me to tell You all Sorts of Newes — — — [illegible] Bootle were married y^e 12 of November 1706 — — — [illegible] many thanks for y^r Kindness.

To Father Whittingham by M^{rs} Johnson.

May y^e 3^d 1707. S^r. Convenience of y^e Bearer tempted me to give yⁿ the trouble of y^s to let you Know how we have been since I writ to You. My Wife had some fits of an Ague, and I had bad health also for a considerable while: at length my Illness formed itself into a quotidian Ague, w^{ch} used me very hardly, but I thank God for Mends. The children have sometime been indisposed, but are better, thô y^e Girll, (I think) will prove tender, and of Uncertain health. We have heard little of Unkle Turnley & Brother Will. and Know nothing how matters go, and whether there will ever be any thing for us. Brother has not been here yet, but writ two or 3 times to Rob^t, and in his last tells him He is for London, & will have him go too; The boy (I doubt not) will do well, if He get a good place, w^{ch} I heartily wish him, when he goes, But whether Bro: Keeps in y^e mind he was time must shew: We hope to see him here y^s week. We are sorry for y^r Infirmities, but y^e best Remedy for y^m is to suffer patiently,

¹ Broughton is a township in the Parish of Cartmel. Broughton Hall was the seat of the Knipe family from very early times: the male line ended in 1761. (V.C.H.)

² In the Parish of Sefton.

w^{ch} is a lesson we ought allwayes to be learning ; Because Crosses meet us every day. We shall be glad to hear from You, & in y^e mean time send you & Mo^r our Duty, wth Love to sisters and all Friends : And thus, in y^e name of us both I conclude Y^r son & Serv^t T.B.

For M^{rs} Ann Turnley at M^r Joseph Wetherburns in y^e Fleshmarket near S^t Nicholas's Church in N.C. upon Tyne.

Cartmel May y^e 6^o 1707. Dear Cousin, 'Tis 5 long months since I answered Y^{rs} of Nov. 19 w^{ch} makes me think some business extraordinary has held y^r pen : Perhaps it has been employed in answering more acceptable Letters, or perhaps you have got a New Name, and Know not how to make use on't yet, or perhaps I Know not w^t but something is y^e Reason why we have not heard from You for so long a time. You see however y^t hinders not me from Sending Post to you, to let You Know we believe you will not be sorry to hear y^t Now we are all indifferent [well ?] ——— [illegible] all been otherwise since my last. A little ——— [illegible] January y^e 2^d and sho'd have had ——— [illegible] Queen and You are Known by, but I ——— [illegible] Ellin Edmondson (her Godmother) stumbled on Mary, and so she's called. But if you'l promise to stand Godmother for our next Wench, I will promise she shall bear y^r Name. We have been much troubled with Agues, and other Distempers here-aweyes, and my Wife had some fits 'ith Mouth, w^{ch} (I think) made her a worse Nourse yⁿ she wo'd have been. but she makes hard shift wth her child. She gives you and y^r Aunt hearty Love and service as does also Y^r humble serv^t & Kinsman T.B. Rob^t Chip. is yet wth us but we expect his Father daily to fetch him from us, and to go wth him to London. They say Unkle & Bro. have made an end of y^r Business, but I can say little about it.

The next came by M^r Johnson who had been ——— [illegible] at Garstang to by [sic] M^{rs} Clark.

Cloughton, May y^e 11. 1707. Dear Son, I have received y^r letter by w^{ch} I perceive you all in good health, as we are at y^e writing hereof praised be God ; The Occasion of my not writing to You was y^t my son Chippindel promised me this two Months to come to our house, y^t we might go to Cartmel to see You : But he has broken his promise so oft I hope You will pardon my Neglect in writing to You : My Son Chippindel has promised y^t he will see You wth in this fortnight wth out Fail, for he intends shortly after to go to London. I desire you to excuse me for I cannot write my self so well as I could have done heretofore by reason my sight does fail much. Jo: Sturzaker and his wife desire Kindly to be remembered to You both, He is not very well or Else he would have written to You himself. So I rest Y^r loving father Tho Whittin [sic]

To Rich^d Crosfield at Widdow Harrison's ——— [illegible] at Seatle :

May 16. 1707. Rich^d. A Funeral prevents my coming tomorrow to Seatle and gō I desire You to ——— [illegible] me some boards if not too dear and a ——— [illegible] Chaff bed ——— [illegible] if a pennyworth ; and if you also go into y^e wood ——— [illegible] and mark such

pieces as you think may be ——— [illegible] much oblige y^r Friend
T.B.

This I had June y^e 4th.

Bashal June y^e 3^{day} 1707. Bro: Having y^e convenience by a Friend to send you a line y^s comes to acquaint You y^t about one week ago I received a letter from Robert which was dated y^e last of April, and gives account, y^t You and sister have had y^e Ague, which we was Sorry to hear, hoping by y^s You are wel recovered. I was at my Father Whittingham's y^e day y^t M^{rs} Johnson was there, yet mist seeing of her, w^{ch} I was sorry for. I saw a letter y^t You sent to my Father, in w^{ch} You ——— [illegible] Unkle Turnley and my Self to satisfy you, y^t betwixt and y^e 24th of y^s Instant I shall pay him, according to y^e agreement we made. By y^r Writing to my Father, I suppose y^t he did promise y^t when he received money of Me, He would consider You. Therefore if You think fitting wth in y^r Self put him in mind of it by reason old men sometimes are forgetfull ; or if You please I shall put him in mind. I have been for coming to see You often yet I hope to see you e'r be long, for y^e truth is I design not to stay long after I get side my Concerns, for I have received some Letters from London from a very worthy Gentleman, y^t Will both preferr me and son Robert, which I shall give you account of, when I see You, my self and wife give our Service to You and Sister, wishing You health, and blessing to Robert and my Wife her Blessing to her God son. I rest Y^r Bro. to Serve Will. Chippindell I desire a line from you as shortly as time will allow.

My Answer.

June y^e 4th 1707. Bro : This morning I had y^{rs} and because you ——— ——— [illegible] return, 'tis y^e first thing I set about ——— [illegible] to get a letter over y^e Sands. That ——— ——— [illegible] agreed, and y^t you hope to pay him his money, and so rid y^r self of y^t Trouble, we are glad to hear for y^r sake and partly for our own, because part of y^t Money belongs to us, if Marriage Promises be obliging. I shall rubb up Unkles Memory by letter if he can forget, w^t he so often has spoken off ; However it will be a Kindness in You to put him in mind of it when You pay him, and if You brought it along wth you when You come for y^r Son, You may believe neither You nor it would be unwelcom. If You and y^r Son be for London, I heartily wish you good Success, and such Preferment as You expect. We design to send Y^r Son as soon as School begins, again to my Father to write and cast account, as we have done severall times heretofore : at present he is well, and seems to be more in love wth Cartmel yⁿ London, but he is good-natured and ready to be guided by You ; The rest of us also now are indifferent well. This with Love and service from us both to You all concludes this. I am y^r affectionate Bro^r T.B.

To Unkle Turnley To be left wth M^r Gyles Bolton in Blackburn.

June y^e 4th 1707. S^r. Since my last most of our Family have been much indisposed, by Agues, or other distempers, but I think I have felt

y^e sharpest part of y^e Rod, for w^{ch} I think my self y^e more obliged to return thanks to him y^t laid it on : It has at length pleased God to restore us all to moderate health, and we hope y^s will find You and Yours in a like Condition. You may believe we are very Glad y^t you are in so likely a way to be freed from y^e Troubles Bro: Wills Business has caused you : We are glad for y^r Sakes, and also for our own, expecting, as an effect of y^t Agreement, y^t y^t load of Debt we have put — *[illegible]* under may shortly be taken off ; For till You — *[illegible]* we know not how to remove y^e Burden. — *[illegible]* to pay Interest for Money, and gō — *[illegible]* it, and are y^e more desirous to be eased. But—this and all other burdens we have felt are light, our Cross is very portable, for one Unpleasant or painfull thing, we enjoy a number of temporall Blessings ; God give us grace to make y^e right use of his Mercies, y^t we may be called Faithfull Serv^{ts} at last, and as such enjoy him for ever. Please to accept for Y^r Self and our Aunt from us both Duty, Love and Service, w^{ch} concludes from y^r Nephew and Serv^t T.B.

C. June 10. 1707. John Kirkby, I cannot perform y^r request in coming on Sunday to baptize y^r Child, so You may, if You please, procure M^r Law : Thō another day might have done as well, and y^e Chappel or Church are y^e most convenient places, for such business to be performed in. I am y^r assured Friend T.B.

To Will^m Harrison by Rob^t Rownson.

June 17. — William, I have sometimes written to You but I will suppose my Letters have miscarried, because I have had no answer from You : I hope this will come to You, and prevail with You to send those Arrears belonging to me, to M^r Rownson in Leverpool who will take care of y^m. I sho^d be glad of two lines from You at y^r Convenience, to Know somew^t of y^r Affaires, for I still love to hear of Sephton. Pray Give my hearty Respects to y^r Wife, Y^r Father and all Friends and believe that I am Y^r — *[illegible]*

The 19^o of June. For y^e Rev^d M^r Brookbanke

Dear S^r. The within mentioned Sufferer desired me to send the collection he had here to You at Cartmel, and wo^d desire y^e same from all y^e Clergy in Furness, and as I remēber he told me he was your Parishioner in Garstang, and was willing to do him y^t Kindness. If you take a Rec^t for others pray remember me wth one amongst y^e rest. Excuse this from Good Sir Y^r affectionate Bro. & Serv^t Thom: Bell. This sh^d have come to y^r hands above a three week since but neglected by a N^{b^r} My service to y^r self and M^{rs} Brookbank.

The next by London

S^r I being so much ashamed of my self for not answering y^{rs} before now, co^d scarce have y^e assurance, to give you the reason of my silence, but Knowing y^r goodness, will now take y^e Courage to give you a true account. I have been ever since last Michaelmass for coming into Lancashire, and my Aunt is not willing to let me leave her yet, so I am stil as

I was, and y^s day my Aunt set out for York, and Will be a fortnight before she will return. So I am more under confinem^t yⁿ ever, and y^s country aire does not so well agree wth me, so makes me so willing to leave it. I rejoyced much to hear of my dear Cousins safe delivery of her daughter. pray my love and service to her, and little John, and if I live till my Cosine have an other child, and I in y^r Country you may comānd me to stand for it, and shall be glad to be so serviceable to my Friends so pray pardon y^s fault, and I shall ever be y^r Friend & Serv^t ——— [illegible] to comānd me. Ann Turnley.

To M^r Jos. Lambert at Kendale

Aug. 1st 1707. S^r. I am desired to acquaint You from y^e present chappel-warden of Flookburgh, y^t W^m Seattle y^e Late Chappel-warden has p^d to him y^e remainder of his Quota for y^e church: You'l please on y^s Information to put W^m Seattle's name out of y^e black-book: He has suffered sufficiently for his neglect, paying this I believe out of his own pocket. I am S^r y^r very humble Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Marsden.

Aug. y^e 7^o. 1707. S^r. We now begin to despair to see You in y^e North y^s Summer, and fear some unlucky accident has prevented y^r Journey: If our Fears be groundless, we shall be hearty glad to Know so much, for we will presume to be concern'd about y^r health & Welfare. Since I saw you I have sometimes writ, but believe you have not receiv'd mine: I hope y^s may be more happy, and prevail for two lines in answer to it. The good Family at Holker is well: M^r Braddyl & his oldest Son are gone for London, his Lady to y^e Spawes for recovery of her health: Our house has no sick persons in it, nor have we many in y^e parish. M^r Proddy and his Wife have been in Yorkshire for some time, and are safely return'd. M^{rs} Simson attends M^{am} Braddyl to y^e Spawes. This and such like is all y^e newes we have wth w^{ch} I conclude y^s trouble, desiring you to give our hearty service to each particular in y^r own good Family, and y^t over y^e way; I am S^r Y^r much obliged very humble serv^t Tho: Brockbank.

To Mary Hodson at y^e George by y^e Waterside in Liverpool.

Aug. 7. 1707. Mary, I begg y^r pardon for no sooner returning you Thanks for y^r Care about my lead, w^{ch} we received long since. One reason was some accounts betwixt W^m Pepper and me w^{ch} were long a stating, but I have at length made all streight wth him, and paid him 1^s 6^d on y^r Account. We both send our hearty Service to You and Y^r husband, and shall allwayes acknowledge our selves extreamly obliged to You on Many Accounts, and be ready to answer y^r Kindnesses by a suitable Return wⁿ occasion offers. This (wth due respects to our Friends about town) is from Y^r obliged Friend & serv^t T.B.

M^r Marsdens Answer.

Aug. 18. 1707. S^r. Y^{rs} dated y^e 7^o instant I received by Fridayes Post, the other it mentions I had not. My not waiting upon y^e North hap-

pened thus, After my Scorbutic Gout went of at spring my right Legg and Arms itched much, & between sleep and waking wth some Thrusts of my thumb nail I broke y^e skin of my legg in 2 places, w^{ch} I neglected for some time. Then an unskilfull hand to clear y^e places strewed sublimate Mercury upon y^m. This so inflamed my Legg y^t y^e humors fell down and broke into 3 Ulcers w^{ch} hath Kept me at home 3 Months at least. Could I have put on my Boots, I had certainly observed my Northern Obligations. And pray, S^r wth my humble service presented unto y^m, acquaint Holker and Conishead wth this. If Life and health serves, I will come and dwell amongst y^m next year, for no Service is more gratefull to me yⁿ w^t I perform in y^e North, it being very Kindly accepted there. Wⁿ we have a Bishop (of w^{ch} we have no newes yet) I will be carefull of ——— [illegible] is now upon y^e matter well, but so ——— [illegible] use my boots, however I have rode ——— [illegible] and shall go to preach next ——— [illegible] Bolton and Bury wards. But 'tis no passing thrō y^e Rivers wth out Legg-armour. Y^r berries I shall be thankful for. I will send forwards y^r inclosed Letters. pray forget not to present my humble service to M^r Edmondson and his good Lady, and accept it as due to y^r Self and good M^{rs} Brookbank. My Friendship You may ever rightfully claim & be sure y^t I am, S^r, Y^r Faithfull Serv^t Thomas Marsden.

On Sunday y^e 14th y^s came to my hands.

M^r Brookbanke. M^{rs} Jackson comes to me this day to tell me y^t she has received a letter from M^{rs} Brookbank, and desired her to acquaint me y^t You expected to have heard from me before this: I acknowledge You left some papers wth me, but I was presently satisfied wth y^m: for some gave me one answer, & some an other, y^t I declare it I never received penny in y^r behalf, Nay far from y^t for severall denyed their Marten dues You left uncollected for M^r Richmond. I did expect y^r Friend Richard Rose had given You account of it before now: if there had been any thing to have been received, I would have done it for You, and have sent it before this Message: thō perhaps no great Reason I had to have done it, except it should be for y^e good Character you gave me in the further end of y^e Parish, and particularly at Ric^d Tickles and y^e Graunge you told y^t I was nearer 40^l yⁿ 30 in M^r Richmonds dept, w^{ch} You Know wth account ballanced was but 6^l 7^s 6^d and I thank God y^t at y^s time is discharged likewise: at y^e same time there is 40^s or upwards in y^e Parishioners hands, y^t wth out Trouble I shall never get farthing, so y^t You need not think it any great Matter to loose Y^{rs} no more at present from Y^r humble serv^t To command ——— [name illegible]¹ Sephton Agst: y^e 27th 1707.

To M^r Marsden.

Sep. y^e 19. 1707. S^r, Y^{rs} of y^e 18th of y^e last month made good haste hither, and we were all glad of y^r recovery from Y^r leggs distemper. On Wednesday last M^r Proddy was buried, He died on Monday after a few dayes illness. so y^t now here is a Vacancy, and I Know no reason why I sho'd not succeed him in Beneficio, having allready succeeded in officio:

¹ Probably William Harrison of Sefton. See the following letter.

I have said nothing yet to M^m Preston about it, but hope she is well disposed. Here's a Report y^t S^r W^m Dawes¹ is our Bishop, but it will be time enough for me to stirr wⁿ I am certain to find a Bishop at Chester. However y^r advice wo'd be very acceptable, and I shall be ready to follow it. At my leaving Sephton W^m Harrison promised me before M^r Richm^d to gather some small dues for me y^t were in arrear : but instead of y^m he sends me y^e inclosed, w^{ch} I give you y^e trouble of to see how ungrateful y^t fellow is, not to say Knavish, for I made no doubt but y^e greatest part of y^m wo'd be paid him : Please to give humble service to y^r own good Family, and also to M^r Richmonds from Y^r very much obliged humble serv^t T.B.

To Cos. Ann Turnley. id.

Cosin, I think it now time to answer Y^{rs} of July y^e 7th not y^t I have any weighty business to acquaint You wth, but to pay you y^t debt Y^{rs} laid on me : It found us all well, but sorry for y^r confinement, partly for y^r sake and as much for our own, for were you at full liberty ——— [illegible] York Lancashire and Cartmel might be ——— [illegible]. We thank you for y^r Kind offer, and shall be ready to take you at y^r word, if we can catch you in y^e Country, and we have occasion. At present my Wife is indisposed : she is afraid of her breast rotting, and has other pains upon her, I Know not w^t they may portend, but wish you to be mindfull of y^r promise, and remember 'tis a dangerous thing to give y^r word to a Man. We Know little of matters 'oth' t'other side of y^e World, but expect bro. & sister here every week, as we have done all y^s Summer, and yⁿ Bro: & Rob^t are for London y. say. I have room for no More but y^t I am y^r humble serv^t T.B.

To M^r Marsden by Rob^t Cañy

Sept. ult. S^r, I writ to you y^e 17^o instant, and if you have mine, I need not now tell you y^t M^r Proddy is buried : They are talking in behalf of his relict y^t y^e half year's Sallary due at Michaelmas must be p^d her : if it be, it seems a wrong to y^e Successor, especially since M^r Proddy in y^e like case had y^s Sallary, & wo'd not so much as pay M^r Johnson² his half years wage out of it. Here wth You'l receive a few Juniper berries, I say nothing of y^r goodness for I examined y^m not, but w^t ever y. are I wish y. were better, w^{ch} (wth Service to all) abruptly concludes from Y^r humble obliged Serv^t T.B.

At y^e Christning of M^r Askew's Child M^r Moor gave me y^e next.

Sept. 25. 1707. S^r. I think it wo'd be barbarous in any Clerk to offer at a Competition wth you for Cartmel-church : but I also think, y^t y^e day after M^r Proddy's burial you should have in a few lines addrest M^m Preston in order to y^r Succeeding him. Persons y^t have some thing to bestow, would be ——— [illegible] for it lest they should be

¹ Sir William Dawes, Baronet (1671-1724), appointed Bishop of Chester in 1707; translated to the Archbishopric of York in 1713. (D.N.B.)

² Perhaps Curate to Mr. Armstrong, Proddy's predecessor.

tempted to surmise y^t y^e Expectants should think y^e matter not valuable or y^t they have a direct right to it, & so may spare y^e Ceromony of paying for it. You have heard how M^r Hamer¹ lost y^e Principality of Brasenose. Pray upon y^e receipt of this, if it be not done before, apply wth y^e sweeter sort of Words to both S^r Williams Executors, and tell y^m how congruous a benefice Cartmel would be to You &c. Pardon, Good S^r my imposing on you. Y^{rs} found me just return'd from preaching in y^e East after my riding 60 miles. I shewed M^r Richmond Harrison's letter, who tells me You can hardly expect any thing from him at y^t distance, w^{ch} himself cannot get right, from him so near home. He Sayes W^m writes a ly to You in saying y^t y^e 6th 7th 6^d is discharged; and y^t he is a poor Knave. S^r W^m Dawes is spoken of, but it appeares not yet who will certainly be our B^p. Provided You be Sure of a presentation, there needs be no haste of a Collation. Commending Y^r Self and good M^{rs} Brookbank wth y^{rs} to y^e divine protection I rest S^r Y^r affect. B^r & humble Serv^t Thomas Marsden.

The day following I accosted Madam Preston wth y^s.

Madam, This Messenger will not blush thô perhaps y^e Sender wo'd to tell his own Errand; Y^r Ladyship will pardon the boldness of y^e one, wⁿ 'tis occasioned by y^e others bashfullness; He cannot speak for himself, had best learn to write, to let others Know his mind, and at present I perceive y^e great convenience of my Pen, w^{ch} can expose to y^r Eyes w^t my Tongue durst not or Know not how to commit to y^r Ears. It may be an Infirmary to want Words or Assurance in an honest Request, but 'tis no Crime to write ones desires: nor will y^r Ladyship accuse me of delay or Neglect, wⁿ You shall Know I was Willing y^e late Incumbent sho'd be cold in his grave, before I ————— [illegible] to succeed him. This gives You y^e ————— [illegible] if y^r Ladyship thinks it fit I sho'd ————— [illegible] y^e Parish, I humbly offer my service. I have nothing to say in my own Commendation, my own Frailties stop my mouth; all y^t I dare pretend to, is an honest meaning, and a will to do my Duty: If I fail, as I expect pardon at Gods hands, so do I look for Favour at Mans. But if I may not be usefull in y^s Post, 'tis better I sho'd be thrust out, and seek for a poor living where ever Providence shall direct. Y^r Goodness Will pardon this, and permit me allwayes to be M^m Y^r humble obliged Serv^t T.B.

To John Cock of Kendale

Octob. 3^d 1707. Cousin, Wth y^s You'l receive allmost 6 ounces of hair, w^{ch} I desire You to get made into a Wigg for me: Pray bid y^e Maker put it upon a Caul bigg enough, and add very little or any hair to it. One part of y^s hair I think is very good, and y^e rest may be of use to mix wth it. I desire You also to make me a pair of Winter shoes, if you dare venture to fit an Unknown foot: You can scarce make y^m amiss, if high enough in

¹ James Hamer, Fellow of Brasenose Coll.; matric. 15 Mar. 1648-49; B.A. 15 Oct. 1652; M.A. 6 July, 1655; Master of Magdalen College School about 1665; d. at Bath, 1702 (Foster). He left £50 to his old College. (*Brasenose Quatercentenary Monographs*.)

y^e Instep and not too bigg. You'l please to accept for Y^r Self and good Wife hearty respects from me and mine, and believe y^t I am Y^r affectionate Kinsman & Serv^t T.B.

This next I had y^e 6^o.

Son Thomas, Y^r Mother yesterday was in M^r Laurey's shop upon account of buying some stamps, he desired her to remember him to you, and to inform You, y^t he had stamps for presentations of 40^s & of 4^s. and I sought in an abstract of y^e Act, and found for a single stamp, for a benefice above 10^l in y^e Kings book to be 40^s. But where there is a Presentation, yⁿ Institution and Induction follow. For my Predecessor at Betham had gotten y^e letter Pattents for y^t place, but wanted Institution and Induction upon y^e Presentation, So y^e Chancellor D^r Thomas Bunwell would at y^e first Visitation of y^e B^p of York suspend him for want of Institution and Induction: So M^r Benison * had gotten M^r Bigg * of Haversham, to be his spokesman, and Bigg desired y^e Chancellor to grant a Licence to serve y^e cure, y^e D^r Said he could not, because Benison had confessed a Presentation: Now Cartmel is a Curacy, and a Presentation is not required, But only a Testimonial, for an admittance or Licence to serve y^e place. For Presentations Institutions and Inductions are dear in this Age, for wⁿ there were no stamps required Institution and Induction was 4^s abating 6^d. Presentations are for Parsonages & Vicarages, and not for Curasies as far as I understand. John Cock had y^r letter for repair of shoes. We are all well blessed be God for it, hoping y^e same wth You. This wth my love to You and y^r Wife and Children is all at present from Y^r Father Jo: Brookbanke. Witherslack, October 5. 1707.

The 15^o I sent y^s. To y^e Revd M^r Wildman & M^r Swainson.

Gentlemen, Three chappels in y^s Parish being out of M^r Commissaries way (viz^t Cartmelfell Staveley, & Lindal) he desires You 2 and me, or any 2 of us to view y^m and take an Exact account of w^t is Deficient, according to some particular Enquiries inserted in his Letter directed to us, and to certify y^e same to him at y^e next Convocation Court. I wo'd have informed You sooner, had I thought you ignorant hereof, tho' it may yet be time enough, and y^e weather is now very seasonable. I leave y^e whole matter to y^r Consideration, and wth hearty respects remain Y^r Serv^t T.B.

Y^e 19. I had y^s.

Walton Oct. 11. 1707. Good S^r. This day I have received y^r grateful present of y^e Juniper Berries, w^{ch} I value very much, and am very thankful for y^m. I hope you received y^e humble advice I offered relating to Cartmel, Since M^r Proddy's death. Were it my Case I wo'd leave it to S^r W^{ms} Executors, to decide y^e matter about y^e Relict her claims. We are well at Walton God be thanked. We expect to hear of a B^p of Chester in a Fortnight, to compleat y^e house of Lords; but think he will be installed by Proxy, and not come down till y^e spring. I sho'd be sorry if it sho'd cost You a London Journey to gain a Collation. I call it so, because I

Know not w^t sort of admission y^e Ministers of Cartmel are wont to have. I commend y^r self, good M^{rs} Brookbank wth y^{rs} to y^e divine Protection, and remain very heartily S^r Y^r humble Serv^t Tho: Marsden.

My Answer. To M^r Marsden.

Oct. 23. 1707. S^r. I am sorry to put You to y^e trouble and cost of so many letters as of late I have done, and heartily thank You for y^m all, and y^r good Advice in y^m. I thought it not seasonable just on M^r Proddy's death to address Madam Preston, but on receipt of Yours, I writ and was Post my self: M^{rs} Walls gave her mine, w^{ch} quickly brought her Ladyship down staires, who received me (after her manner) very Kindly, and told me she thought on no body Else, and as soon as we had a B^p she wo'd write wth me. I have made application to none else, being formerly cautioned agst y^t by M^r Braddyl. She tells me w^t You do in Y^{rs} y^t a B^p is expected speedily, and wth all y^t if in person he will not be at Chester, He will appoint Commissioners to dispatch such business as mine. We are glad You are all well, and (God be thanked) all our little Family is so too, as (for ought I Know) are all y^r Friends on y^s side, except y^e young lady at Holker, who has been very ill, but 'tis hoped now past danger. Wth hearty thanks ————— [illegible] & Y^{rs} I conclude Y^r obliged Serv^t T.B.

For y^e Worshipfull Tho: Waite Esq^r or in his absence to M^r Joseph Lambert at M^r Jo: Woodburns Ulverston.

Octob. 28. 1707. S^r. You'l please to excuse me for not waiting to You, since I perceive my presence not necessary at y^r Court; and also to receive Inskilling brief and Money collected on't. I have been at all our Chappells since y^r Order to view y^m but think it not convenient to certify their deficiencies, bec. neither M^r Swainson nor M^r Wildman was wth me. I writ to y^m both but Know not whether they received my Letter. I am S^r y^r most humble Serv^t T.B.

M^r Commissaries answer

Ulverstone Oct. 29th 1707. S^r. I rec^d y^r Inskilling Brief, and expected to have had an account of y^r Chappells; M^r Wildman and M^r Swainson tell me how they were prevented from accompanying you, however we must now deferr y^e return thereof till y^e next Visitation, and they promise me y^t y^e next spring they will take some opportunity of going wth You, in y^e mean time I desire You will give notice to y^e Chappelries y^t they prepare to make good their deficiencies and repairs before y^t time. I pray p^sent my most humble service to y^e good Lady at Hooker. I am S^r y^r humble Serv^t Tho: Waite.

Kendal Nov. 5. 1707. Cosin. After my Kind love to You and y^r Wife. Last Saturday I sent you a Wigg, and y^e maker must have 8^s for making it, and 3 ounces of hair, 5^s for making 3^s for hair, but you need not send any Money ————— [illegible] y^e shoes for if it please God next tuesday I ————— [illegible] wth sister Martha to John's ————— [illegible], being ————— [illegible] John Cock.

To Mr^s Briggs.

Nov. y^e 18^o 1707. Good Mr^s Briggs, This day seaven-night my Mother desired me from You to wait on Madam Preston and ask her Consent for laying a stone over y^r late husband : In compliance wth y^r desire I walked to Holker last Thursday, and used such Arguments as I had ready to prevail wth her Ladyship, but all I co'd get was a Civil answer, intimating a willingness to oblige You in any thing she could ; but in this she desires y^r Excuse, having taken advice upon't, and her Counsel tells her a stone gives a Title to a Burying-place, w^{ch} 'tis not in her power to grant to any lay-person, especially so near y^e Table. Please to take y^s my fruitless service in good part, and think me not either y^e only or a great Obstacle to hinder y^r fulfilling y^r Husbands Will, for I assure You I am not ; tho I freely own 'Tis my Opinion a Stone might be as well or better laid in many other places of y^e Church. Y^r husbands will oblige You not either to impossibilities or great Inconveniences : and methinks You have done enough to satisfy Y^r Self and the World, y^t in y^s particular you have done y^e Utmost y^t Duty required. Pardon my Freedom, and please to command me in w^t I may serve You, for I am (wth hearty Thanks for many Favours) wthout Compliment Y^r sincere Friend & humble serv^t T.B.

Dec. y^e 15, I had y^s.

S^r. I have perused S^r W^m Lowthers will, and he gives 100^l to y^e poor of Cartmel, y^e Interest and Income of w^{ch} to be distributed every Christmas day by y^e Minister, and Churchwardens for y^e time being, to y^e most Impotent, & Necessitous poor people w^{thin} y^e said Several and Respective Townships. I pray communicate y^s to y^e Churchwardens, and I desire y^t y^e Gift may be given according to S^r W^m's intention. But as it was given last year, it wronged y^e most necessitous, _____ [illegible] y^e gift but small for Many had y^t did not greatly want. I am S^r Y^r most humble Serv^t E. Preston. There is I suppose more necessitous poor in some townships yⁿ in others, w^{ch} I pray let be considered.

To John Cock at Kendale.

Dec. y^e 19. Cosin, I have sent 3^s 6^d by y^e Bearer for y^e shoes we had from you, if it is not y^r rate you'll please to let us Know, and we shall satisfy You. We are desirous to Know how you all do, especially y^r sister since she was wth us, to w^m and y^r good Wife pray give our Kind love & service. I am y^r Affectionate Friend and Kinsman T.B.

To Mr Jos: Lambert at Wats-Field near Kendale

D. 19. S^r. If you'll please to send me two Licences, I may possibly dispose of y^m after Christmas, and get you Money for y^m and those I have had already. We have expected to hear from You about y^e Repaires of our Church ; for (as I remember) M^r Commissary noted down y^e deficiencies, & told us You wo'd give us further Instructions about y^m. I am S^r Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

To Mr Marsden.

D. 19. S^r. I writ to you Octob. y^e 23^d but believe it has miscarried as some others have done, and gō now write again, to thank you for y^r Letters and Advice. The young Lady at Holker has been very ill, but is so well recovered now y^t She was at Church last Sunday. This Country affords no Newes, we have health and plenty of all Things but Money, and do not concern our selves much about state Affaires. We have long Expected to hear of a Bishop, and I am beginning to think y^t it may be proper to Wait on y^e Archb^p. Y^r Thoughts on't w^od be acceptable and I shall be ready to be guided by you. Service to y^r self and Family concludes this from S^r Y^r humble obliged Serv^t T.B.

Kendal Dec. 20th 1707. Cousin. After my Love to You and y^r good wife, I have sent you two pieces of Beef w^{ch} cost 2^s 6^d, and my Wife has sent You a loaf as a small token wth her love remembred to You. Sister Martha hath sent y^r wife one piece of Lace being in haste from Y^{rs} Whilst John Cock.

To Mr Hotblack at Cartmel fell.

C. Dec. 24. 1707. M^r Hotblack, You'l please to give notice next Sunday for y^e Sac^t y^e Sunday following; and at y^r convenience acquaint y^e Inhabitants their Chappel will be visited in y^e Spring and y^t gō they have it ready to be inspected. Wth service to y^r Self and wife I conclude Y^r Friend & Serv^t T.B.

Kendale 24 Decem. 1707. M^r Brockbank. I send You two Licences and Bonds inclosed, as You desire, and an Account of Deficiencies w^{ch} M^r Commissary took notice of in his Visitation of Y^r Church. I ordered y^e particulars to be sent you sometime ago, for they are to be done before next Visitation. I wish You a merry X^pmas and am S^r Y^r very humble Serv^t Jos Lambert.

Cartmel. The Church Porch must be flagg'd all over plain & Even, & y^e Walls thereof plaistered, & whitened, and 2 Sentences set up there. All y^e Walls wthin y^e Church must be whitened and some Sentences set up. The Flags all over y^e Church must be a mended, and laid plain and even. A new Bible, & a Common Prayer Book to be provided. The Church windows to be amended. These deficiencies to be repaired and provided before y^e next Visitation, and ——— [illegible] accordingly. Jos. Lambert ——— [illegible]. In margin 20^o Junii 1707.

To y^e Worshipfull D^r Brockbank ¹ Chancellour of Durham.

S^r. You'l please to pardon this Trouble from an Unknown hand, Since it is out of a Charitable design, for y^e Relief of a poor, old, & impotent

¹ John Brookbank was Chancellor of the Diocese of Durham from Sept. 1691 to April, 1724. (Information from the Registrar.) He is probably identical with the Dr. John Brookbank, Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, who wrote to Rev. Thomas Brookbank 7 Oct., 14 Dec. 1708, and 11 Dec. 1709; and to whom the latter wrote 21 Jan. 1708/9 and 19 Oct. 1709 (*vide infra*). John Brookbank was elected Fellow of Trinity Hall, 10 June, 1679, and held his fellowship until 1724 when Ed. Simpson was elected in his place, but there is no record to show whether he died or retired. (Information from the Bursar.)

Woman. 'Tis Margaret Kellet of Grange y^t I mean, who, because she has formerly lived on Y^r bounty returns you hearty Thanks, wth her blessing & Prayers for y^r lasting happiness, and hopes y^r Kindness will not fail her now when her Necessities grow upon her wth her Years. Since M^r Bixter of Liverpool and his wife dyed, she ordered some to call on M^r William Bixter once and again for her expected Annuety, but had no other answer from him yⁿ y^t he Knew not whether You would any longer allow it her ; and g^o she now Earnestly begs You wo'd not forget her, but take so much trouble upon You, as to return me an answer, and, if You think fit to continue Y^r kindness to her, to give directions where she may receive it. Y^{rs} directed for y^e Minister of Cartmel will probably come to y^e hands of, S^r, Y^r most humble Serv^t T.B.

This y^e 11th of January.

Kendale Jan. 10. 1707. Cosin, After my Kind love You and y^r good Wife, I only begg one Kindness of You, if possibly You can, w^{ch} is to lend me 15 or 20^l w^{ch} I can pay again in 12 months time, and I will give my bond wth Interest for y^e same, for I had it promised me ————— [*illegible*] so y^t I might have it at Martinmass ————— [*illegible*] of from time to time, w^{ch} makes me a little uneasy, because I dare not depend upon it. I desire You to let me have 2 lines from You by y^e first Opportunity. If you can furnish me I will come to Cartmel my Self, I resting Y^r friend and Serv^t at Command John Cock.

My Answer.

Jan. y^e 13^o. 1707. Cosin Cock, You may assure Y^r self it is some Trouble to me y^t I cannot answer Y^r Desires ; Y^r frequent Kindnesses wo'd have prevail'd wth one more ungratefull yⁿ I think I am to have studied to oblige You, but as for my self I have a great load of Debt on me, w^{ch} makes me unable to assist you. You will take y^s true reason I hope, for a satisfactory excuse, and believe I am ready in w^t I can to shew my Self Y^r faithfull Friend Kinsman, & serv^t T.B. My Wife returns y^{rs} hearty Thanks for her last Kindness as also to y^r sister for hers, wth love and service to y^r whole Family, & so does Y^{rs} T.B.

S^r The inclosed sho'd have come yesterday but I believe Tom Terley had got a cup extraordinary, and did not bring it till we were at prayers. Pray consider and go as my Cosin Bradyl advises, and I will write to M^r Marsden, and the Chancellour as You shall desire. This is to prevent Trouble for no doubt but y^e right is in this Family, and You shall have y^e best service y^t lies in y^e Power of S^r y^r Faithfull Serv^t E. Preston. My service to y^r Wife. Jan. y^e 16.

This caused me to wait on Madam Preston, and occasioned y^e following letter to M^r Marsden.

S^r. This is y^e 3^d time y^t I have writ since I heard from You w^{ch} makes me fear some Indispositions has Seised you : or y^t my Letters miscarry : I will hope y^e latter, and also y^t y^s will reach you and prevail for an Answer. We have lately heard y^t S^r W^m Dawes is certainly our Bish^p. & Mad^m

Preston and M^r Braddyl were both urgent wth me either to come or send immediately to You or y^e Chancello^r to Know how a Licence to y^s place might be procured : I made choice of this way, and humbly desire You with convenient speed, to send a speciall messenger to y^e Chancellour to be informed whether y^e B^p is. expected at Chester, or whether Delegates will be appointed to despatch such business as mine, or whether I must take a Journey to London, or where else he resides. There may be other Enquiries You will think fit to make, to all w^{ch} if You'l please to return to me his answer to You, it will much oblige & possibly benefit me. I shall take due care to pay y^e Messenger or repay You wth Thanks wⁿ opportunity serves, and in y^e mean time earnestly desire y^r answer as soon as You can or I shall possibly in a little time in Person be troubl^d to You. M^m Preston is ready to do any thing to further me, but 'tis a Lapse y^t we fear if a Licence be not obtain'd y^s or y^e next month, for M^r Proddy died toward y^e beginning of September. There is something else y^t spurrs me on a little, w^{ch} it may please God I may live to tell You. Pardon all this Trouble, and accept hearty and humble Thanks & service to y^r self and Family from S^r Y^r very much obliged serv^t T.B. You may please to let me Know if D^r Brookbank does still live at Durham, if you can, for I have some business wth him.

This letter I design'd to send by y^e Post, but on 2^d Thoughts my mind changed, and I have sent y^s boy : if You'l please to procure Man and horse, he will pay y^e Wage, and stay about Walton till you receive an Answer. M^m Preston wo'd have writ to y^e Chancellour, but I thought y^t needless, for Y^{rs} may do as well. W^t you think fit for me to do You will (I doubt not) let me Know by y^e bearer, and continue to oblige Y^{rs} T.B.

Our boy staid from y^e 18 til y^e 26^o w^{ch} made us somew^t uneasy, but yⁿ he return'd and brought wth him these Letters.

Jan. 25. 1707. S^r By y^r man's long stay I have tormented You wth a fear of his being lost, and y^t for want of following y^r directions, and taking away of my own to save y^r Money. He came hither on Monday night and found most of my Family out of health, tho I was y^e least so. That night I prepared a horse-messenger to go next day to Chester, but it happening to be here a deep rain all day, and y^t y^e boats w^d not go over til evening, he co'd not have got over again til Thursday Morning. And a late Post being set up to go thwart Lancashire, I hoped to have had answer to my Tuesdays letter on Friday : but it came not til I was going to church y^s day. I askt y^e Chancellour these Questions, Have we a B^p elected and installed ? If so have You a Delegated power to admit clerks &c. If You have not where may an Address be presented to his Lordship to get his promise not to take y^e Advantage of y^e Lapse, if Madam Preston's Clerk (who is a tender Man) venture not to take a sad London Journey at y^s time of y^e Year ? You have all he answers, and y^e Misery is He tells me not where to find M^r Prescott in London. I must write to him for y^t and request to Know wⁿ power is given to admit Clerks ; as soon as I know it You shall have it p post. So worthy a Person as y^e Bishop will take no advantage of Lapse of time : I wrote y^t y^e next month Mad^m Preston's time to nominate her clerk w^d expire : So yⁿ y^e Chanc^r expects

to be impowered time enough to Serve You. Humble Service to Mad^m Preston, and Kind commends to y^r house ends this. Y^r faithfull serv^t Thomas Marsden. I had but one letter from You since I wrote to Y^a and it required no answer. Had y^{rs} been put in y^e Post house y. co'd not have missed me raptim.

The Chancellour's letter to M^r Marsden.

Chester Jan. 24th 1707^s. Rev^d S^r. The Surest way I can think of to answer y^r desire, M^{rs} Preston's expectation, and M^r Brookbanks end, is to Send, as I do this day, y^r L^re to M^r Prescot now at London, and daily conversant wth O^r B^p elected last Munday, S^r W^m Dawes (wth whose character I am sure You will be pleased as I am) and in whose name I expect to act (after his Confirmation &c) in a short time, time Enough (I doubt not) to Serve M^r Brookb^s turn, before six months are lapsed, and wth out putting him so hazardous, troublesome, and chargeable a Journey at y^s time, as is justly dreaded &c. Good S^r excuse this hasty script, but I hope 'tis a full thô so short an answer to Yours of 20th from Y^r affectionately obliged & faithfull Friend & h. Serv^t Tho: Wainwright. W^a theres more to be s^d You'l be sure to have it from M^r Prescot or me on y^e subject. my h. Service to M^{rs} Preston &c.

My Answer to M^r Marsden.

Jan. 28. 1707. S^r. I need not use any Arguments to perswade You y^t I am heartily Sorry for y^e Indisposition of y^r Family, and as thankful for y^r late Kindnesses ; our Boy return'd safe on munday in y^e evening, and we were all glad to see him, especially his mother who is now wth us ; She began to be somew^t uneasy, and we were afraid of y^e waters, we supposed y^e late rain had swell'd. I let Mad^m Preston see y^r Letters y^s morning : she Sends you her Service, and is glad to hear of y^r health, and is ready to write wth me as soon as she Knowes to w^m. S^r I blame nothing in y^r managem^t of my Affaires but y^e Error in Politics, putting y^r Self to great Cost to spare me a little Money : y^r care and Council was more y^a co'd reasonably have been expected : and I have some concern upon me to be thus overwhelm'd wth Favours from you : But y^s is language You like not, and gō I conclude wth hearty thanks & service, to you and y^r Family, S^r Y^r most obliged h. serv^t T.B.

To Father Whittingham, id.

S^r. If this reach you in due time, let it prevail wth you to send horses to meet y^r Daughter Chippindel and her son at y^e White bull in Lancaster on Saturday morning y^e last of y^s month : she will give you account how we all do here, so y^t I need not inform You by letter, and perhaps I shall see you my self er' long : In y^e mean time wth duty from my self wife & children to you & M^{rs} I rest Y^r dutifull son T.B.

To Uncle Turnley by Sister Chippindel.

Jan. ult^o. 1707. S^r We have long expected to hear from You, and are sorry to Know y^t my Aunts Indisposition was y^e occasion of y^r Silence.

We will hope y^e will find her in a more healthfull Condition yⁿ she has been in of late, and y^t it may prevail wth her at her leisure minuits, to return us two lines wth to let us be assured thereof. No Age is free from Infirmities, nor must we tell Yⁿ y^t we have been allwayes in health Since my last : And in Truth a Mixture of wormwood sometimes makes our sweets relish y^e better, and is profitable on many accounts. At present we enjoy a moderate health, and our children thrive in strength and stature, and tho we still want a helping hand to ease us of y^t burden I have told you of, yet hopes of y^r Assistance, and supplies of Necessaries from a bountifull Friend boy's us up & lets us not sink under it. If business calls you to Lancaster we wo'd desire You to step over y^e Sands to see us : There is allwayes a Guide upon y^m and generally many crossing ; The way is neither so long nor dangerous as some paint it, and if y^e weather be seasonable none is more pleasant, none rids faster. This wth duty from us both to you and Aunt concludes y^e present Trouble from Y^r obliged Kinsman & humble serv^t T.B.

On Sunday y^e 8^o of Feb. I received a letter directed to me by M^r Marsden's Pen, y^e Contents whereof was as followes. This to y^e Rev^d M^r Marsden y^e Vicar of Walton near Liverpool — present.

Chester Feb 2^d. 170⁷³/₄. Rev^d S^r. I herin send you part of a letter from M^r Prescot w^{ch} I expected w^d a' been directed to You, rather yⁿ me per last post, however wⁿ you have it, I hope You'l be satisfied, I have been, as I now intend to be M^{rs} Preston's, and Dear good S^r, Y^r Faithfull Serv^t Tho: Wainwright.

The part of y^e letter, mention'd in y^t foregoing, was as followeth. To the much hon^d Dr Wainwright Chancellour of Chester at Chester. Frank Hen Bunbury.¹

I communicated good cozⁿ Marsdens Lett^r yesterday to my L^d Elect, He was very ready to spare M^r Brookbank a tedious journey, and tho' y^e Church of Cartmel were presentative, and subject to Lapse (w^{ch} I presume it is not) He said He wou'd by no means take Advantage of y^e Time. He is willing y^t M^r Brookbanke may continue to Serve y^e Cure w^{thout} Licence til he comes down (D.V.) in May to Chest^r wⁿ upon Mad^m Preston her producing her Title (w^{ch} I suppose will appear too by a Counterpart in M^r Cally's hands) He will admit him. I remember that Licence or Admission is to be specially drawn, mentioning y^e Stipend (I think 80^s p A.) reserved by y^e Lease.

Dear S^r., I pray y^t You'l be pleased to preach a Sermon at y^e Funerall of my poor old Mother, on Monday next in y^e after noon, and you'l much oblige Y^r humble serv^t Tho: Michaelson. 14 Feb. 1707.

To M^r Marsden.

Feb. 28. S^r. M^r Chancellours Letter to You and part of M^r Prescots to him came very Safely to my hands by y^r Direction : They were very

¹ Sir Henry Bunbury, 3rd Baronet of Stanney, co. Chester ; M.P. for Chester 1700-27; d. 1733.

satisfactory to me, and if y^a think it not necessary y^t I wait on y^e Bishop before he comes to Chester, I shall be glad to stay at home 'til y^a. M^r Prescott says His L[']ship will be down in May, but I shall want to Know w^t time in May, and how long he will remain at Chester. I will not put you to y^e Trouble of enquiring after y^s for I shall possibly learn it from so [*sic*] other person : But I sho'd think it a Happiness if I might come at such a season, as to have y^r company back again into y^e North ; I shewed M^m Preston y^e Letters : she thinks there's no need of producing her Tittle —otherwise y^a it will appear by y^e Counterp^t of y^e Lease in M^r Callys hand : That the guardianship of S^r T. L. is lodged solely in her I hope y^e Bishop will not question w^a she by letter shall tell him so ; and y^t she *nominates me to supply y^e Cure of Cartmel.* I want y^e Satisfaction of knowing y^t y^r family have recovered y¹^r health, but I will flatter my wishes and believe it so. I am (wth hearty and humble Thanks and service) S^r Y^r much obliged humble Serv^t T.B.

To bro. Chippendel

Feb. 28. 1707. Bro: My Wife had Your Letters, and puts me upon giving you y^e trouble of this, to let You Know we are Glad y^r Wife and son are safe return'd. If You can have opportunity we sho'd be also glad to see You here before y^r London Journey and heartily wish both You and y^r Son good success w^a You come there. Y^r Son Tho: is welcomed hither wth an Ague, w^{ch} has been and is still very common, but not so Violent as it has some time been. He may do well wth Age, but he is too little for any business of Moment ; He has not yet learn'd all Roberts odd places, for we were asking him 'tother day for a Rakes, and neither He nor we can tell w^{ts} become of y^m unless Rob^t has taken y^m along wth him. Mary is wained since Sister left us and takes very well to't. Father and Mother at Witherslack have both shaken, but are recovered. This day our Apothecary is to be buried w^{ch} will be newes to Rob^t and some dayes ago Tho: Michaelson buried his Mother. This wth Love and Service to You all concludes from y^r lov. bro: Th: Br. Y^r Son sends You his Duty & Wife L. & S.

To M^r W^m Frears at Flookburgh.

M^r Frears. I begg of You to excuse y^e rudeness of this, w^{ch} comes to put you in mind y^t y^e dues belonging to us for y^r Wedding are not yet paid : It will be esteemed a Favour if You'l send y^m by y^s or other bearer ; I shall be fully satisfied w^a I receive 5^s on y^s account and so will M^r Johnson on y^e receipt of 2^s 6^d, wth Service to y^r self, M^{rs} Frears, and others Friends wth You I conclude Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

Kendale 5^o Martij 1707. S^r. I am ordered by M^r Commissary to acquaint You y^t my Lord Bishop has had an Account by Letter out of Lancashire y^t a Marriage is intended betwixt one M^r Richard Buttler ¹ of

¹ Richard Butler of Rawcliffe, in the parish of St. Michael's-on-Wyre joined in the rebellion of 1715, and died in prison in London, 16 Jan. 1717. He married Mary, dau. of Henry Curwen of Workington (Fishwick's *History of St. Michael's-on-Wyre*; (Chet. Soc., Vol. 25, N.S.). Frances Senhouse appears to be the 3rd dau.

Rawcliffe in Lancashire who sojourns most part at Workington and M^{rs} Frances Senehouse, and y^t many mischievous consequences may attend y^t Marriage if it should take effect, 'Tis g^o his Lordsp^s desire y^t no Licence be granted to y^m, pray take Care y^t no such be granted. All y^e Surrogates in these Deaneries wherin I have a small concern, have y^e like Intimation from, S^r, Y^r very humble serv^t Jos: Lambert.

S^r. I promis'd M^r Commissary to attend You in Visiting of y^e Chappels in Cartmel, if God Willing I pitch upon Monday next where I shall wait upon You at Ch: Town as soon as tide will permit. I thought it necessary to inform You, y^t if You are otherwise engaged You might send a Line to y^e Contrary. This wth my Wife and my humble respects joyntly to y^r good wife and accept of y^e Same to y^r Self from S^r y^r affectionate Brother & Serv^t Rich: Swainson. March. 11. 1707.

On Sunday y^e 14^o I had y^e next.

Dear Cosin, I have been much ashamed, y^t I have not answered Y^r Kind letter before now, but since I have been at London I have been in such hurries as I never was, but now I begin to like y^s way of living; I am wth a Lady who uses me like a Relation more yⁿ a Serv^t. Pray S^r my service to y^r Cousin and to y^e 2 Children, and I wish You a happy new-Year, and I live in hopes to see all my Friends again, tho I have been a great While from y^m. I have not heard from my Unkle Turnley this 4 Months, I wonder whether I shall hear from y^m any more. My Love and service to y^r Spouse and Children, I wish I could see poor John. I hope You like y^e place where You live better yⁿ You did at y^e first of y^r coming, I hope You will be so Kind as to give me a line or two tho I may not deserve them. but for y^e future I will not be so negligent in writing if I live, for my whole delight is to hear from my Friends. So dear cousin a Dieu for it is late. I am S^r Y^r Friend and Serv^t to command Ann Turnley. London March y^s 4^{day}. Direct for me at M^{rs} Jenisons in Dean Street near S^t Ann's Church London.

Cartmel. March 19. Cosin, Y^{rs} of y^e 4th was very welcom, for we are allways glad to hear from You, and hope you'l more frequently oblige us wth y^r letters; We are not too desirous to Know y^e Reason of y^r Removal to London, 'Tis satisfaction enough to us, y^t you are pleas'd wth y^e Change, and y^t y^r Lady is so Kind. I had thoughts of seeing London y^e last Month, but y^e long Journey deterr'd me, especially wⁿ my business may be dispatch'd nearer home. Bro: Chip. and his Son, y. Say, are for y^r Town Shortly, and in y^s design Rob^t left us y^e last of January; His mother came to see us, and he return'd wth her. I can give you no good Account of Unkle Turnley and his Affaires, only they complain of Want stil, so y^t we get nothing but fair words. We are now taken pretty well to y^s Place and we are in moderate health. My Wife wean'd her daughter

of John Senhouse (*d.* 1694), of Nether Hall, Maryport, Cumberland, recorded in Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1906, as dying unmarried. Burke says that Mary Senhouse, eldest sister of Frances, married, first, Francis Skelton of Branthwaite, and secondly, Richard Butler of "Roccliffe," co. Lancaster. There would seem, however, to be some confusion here.

about a Month since and y^e Child, we believe, y^e better for it. I have no more trouble for You now, but to conclude wth love and service from us both, and to subscribe my self Y^r Serv^t & Kinsman T.B.

Y^e 21 I had y^e next.

March 11th 1707. S^r. I shall be as carefull of y^{rs} as of any of my own Concerns : Our B^p cannot be expected to come down til y^e Parliam^t rises. I shall Know wⁿ y^t time is, and give You notice of it. It seems requisite y^t you bring wth you Madam Preston's Letters of y^e Tuition of her Grandson. M^r Callys can exhibit a Copy of y^e Lease. God preserve y^e Publick and us all. Humble service to Madam Preston, Conishead & y^r family Ends y^s from S^r Y^r affectionate Brother and Faithfull serv^t Thomas Marsden.

April y^e 8 I had y^e next.

March 26. 1708. Brother, We received Y^{rs} w^{ch} gives us account y^t Tho: ¹ hath got hold of y^e Ague w^{ch} we are Sorry to hear of him being out of health. We have sent him a pair of shoes and a skin for Breeches. I desire You will give us a line or two as shortly as You can, for my wife is not easy til She Know how her lad doth. I design to see You at Cartmel shortly hoping y^t I shall get quit of my Unkle wthin one weekes time, and yⁿ I shall be at Liberty. Rob^t is gone to live at York ; we have not had a Letter from him since He went, but we hear by y^e Carrier y^t he is well. He is wth a Kinsman y^t is y^e head Goaler, but w^t business he is in I cannot give You account. He desired me to give his service to You and Sister, and y^e rest of y^r Family and to y^r Father and Mother at Witherslack, my self and wife desire y^e same to you and blessing to Thomas, hoping to hear from You, Let y^r Letter come by Preston to Shepherd, we have yⁿ y^e soonest. I hope to tell You my self how Rob^t fancies York. So I rest y^r brother to Serve Will^m Chippindel.

My Answer

Cartmel. Ap. y^e 9th. Bro: Y^{rs} of March y^e 26. I had last night wth y^e shoes and skin, so y^t I co'd no sooner let Sister Know her son T. has been *somew^t* hardly used wth y^e Ague, some time shaking every day, some time Every 2^d day : but at last he has shaken it off, and at present is well, as are y^e rest of our Family. We shall be glad to see you wⁿ you shall have an Opportunity to cross y^e Sands, As on other accounts so to hear w^t Employ Rob^t followes at York, and how he takes to't, and also to Know y^t you and Unkle have put an End to y^r long depending troublesome business. Cosin A. Turnley writ to us last month from London where she lives as she tells us wth a Lady, who is very Kind to her, but I Know not the reason of her Removal. I have no more at present but love and service to You all from my wife, y^r Son and allso from Y^r Bro & Serv^t T.B.

¹ Thomas, second son of Will. Chippendale.

On Sunday in mid-service y^e 25. I had y^s

S^r, My M^{rs}¹ desires y^r prayers in y^e Church y^s morning not naming her, only a Gentlewoman in y^e parish y^t desires y^e prayers of y^e Congregation. She wo^d have You if You please read prayers y^r self. She had a good night of rest S^r Y^r humble Servant A. Wall. Holker April y^e 25 : 1707

The preceding letter intimates Madam Preston's Indisposition, of w^{ch} she recovered, but in y^e mean time I visited her allmost every day for about a fortnight ; This gives an Insight into y^e occasion of w^t Followes in her letter to me.

S^r I desire y^r Acceptance of y^e inclosed as a Small Acknowledgm^t of y^r Kindnes to Y^r obliged Friend & Serv^t E. Preston May y^e 11. My service to Y^r good Wife.

The inclosed was a Guinea.

To my Father by Thomas.

Cartmel y^e 20^o, May. S^r. You may believe we are sorry y^t Illness continues upon you, and if You'l let us know y^t you wo^d have us come to see You we by Gods leave will do so, but at present M^r Marsden and his two sons are wth us, w^m we cannot in civility leave, and on Sunday evening or Monday we are for taking our Journey towards Chester. The Bearer comes to borrow one of y^r horses for my Wife to ride on, for we think it too hard for one horse to carry double so far. I hope at our return to find you better and in y^e mean time desire to Know how you do. Wth Duty from us to you both and blessing to our Son, I conclude y^r dutifull son & Serv^t T.B.

We set out for Chester on Monday morning and y^t night lodged at Preston, and got home again June y^e 3^d after a very good Journey. After w^{ch} y^e first Letter y^t I received was y^s y^t followes.

Son Thomas, Robert Bownes desires You and Y^r Wife to come to y^e burial of his daughter Anne on Tuesday next, and to preach her Funerall Sermon, if You can conveniently : But if not, let me have word by y^s Bearer, and y^s is all at present from y^r Father John Brookbanke. Witherslack June 13th 1708.

The two following I had by y^e Post on Sunday y^e 11^o.

Dear Cousin, We had y^r Kind letter for w^{ch} we thank You : Cosin Ellin was here after she had been wth You, and gave us a comfortable Account of you all : she is about her time, but yet on foot, and they are gone to Ruggles-myre ; ² they are come to better temper of fairness as they are Capable ; we must y^e next Assizes try for Lower house ; if we

¹ " Madame " Preston.

² A farm, of considerable antiquity, in Bashall, not far from Bashall Hall.

cast y^m and remove y^m we shall sell all when we can get a Chapman. I believe y^r Unkle will be Kinder yⁿ if y. had gone on frowiardi. My husband was very ill after we had Yours by an Ague, but hath through mercy, for some time been recovered to his former health. I have had Mercy shewed to me in recovering a frail lame body, to somew^t of Ease and usefulness, if I may be but humble and thankful : We are eased much as to our bodies, it is y^e greatest outward Mercy ; but burdened on our outward Estate ; Y^r Unkle is y^e most grieved to pay roo^l that he was bound for M^r Tolnson ¹ of stakes ; to get his own money we Know not, but we must pay it. We after loving entreaties were but [*sic*] to great Law-charges : he was outlawed, dyed in York Goal : we might either have done y^t or had it done by us ; It had been our case before now, but we have paid roo must secure y^e other on Inquisition we found y^m roo a year at Lancaster, she now claims it for a Jointer, y^e Heir is a Minor ; D^r Fainton is an Overseer of y^e old Gentleman's will, but w^t y. are seeking to Do y^t is honest we yet Know not, but we are bound, and like to smart, for so we have done that did bring him to Lancaster. I have had fear of him being laid in a Goal, I thought as ill as my Case was I would not change with M^{rs} Tolnson. We should be glad to see our Friends, as I believe You would be us, but I think it must be You here, or it will not be ; my husband hath no travailling mind, and I cannot be well contented, to be above two nights from home. We have no very strong health, but great Mercy in w^t God give us it is best for us ; our Kind Love to you both is all from y^r Unkle and Aunt Turnley. M^r Joly's service to you both. June y^e 3^d 1708.

Warrington June y^e 11th. 1708. S^r. I am heartily sorry y^t I had not y^e happiness to see You in y^r service through our Town, y^t I might have sent by You My humble service to all y^e hon^{ble} Family at Houlker and I wd. desire to be inform'd by You, if by Y^r Self or M^r Wildman, or M^r Swanson ² (if I mistake not his name) I could get a Supply in y^r Parts of y^e County for y^s present year, wthout prejudice to y^r own Churches, & I will allow 3 or 4 guineas. I might tell You y^t my wife is bigg wth child, I have a sister very infirm, and Cos. Shaw (who I suppose You were acquainted wth) is declining under a Consumption. But y^e best excuse is y^t 3 of my Brethren will (as I am inform'd) officiate y^s year beyond Sands, and by y^r Provision I shall be more at liberty to Serve in other vacant Chappels on y^s Side Lancaster. please to make my service & my Wife's acceptable to Kind and good Madam Preston, and all there, to M^{rs} Brookbank, and thereby You'l go on to oblige me to be Good S^r Y^r most humble Serv^t S. Shaw.* Service to all at M^r Sympsens, M^r Johnsons, & M^r Myers, and I desire a line from You at y^r leisure Y^{rs} S : S :

My Answer to M^r Shaw.

Cartmel June y^e 21. 1708. S^r 'Twas my desire and design to have waited on y^u wⁿ my wife and I passed by you to Chester, but y^e rain y^t fell soon after we came to our Lodgings hindred me in y^e Evening and in y^e morning we were stirring too Early to pay Visits. I sho'd have been very glad to have seen You at War ³ as also in these parts, but since y^r

¹ i.e. Toulson.

² i.e. Swainson.

³ Warrington.

Convenience permits not y^s as mine prevented y^t 'Tis some satisfaction to me to hear from You Now, and I hope my offering all y^e Service I can may not be ungratefull to You. The Chappels in y^s Parish I can preach at, and perhaps at some others, but 'till You please to let me Know w^t Chappels you wd. have supplied, and w^t You are willing to allow y^e Preacher for Each sermon, I Know not w^m to imploy nor on w^t Conditions, M^r Wildman is at y^e spaws & M^r Swainson is left in Charge wth his Church, but others may be procured. The Family at Holker is well, M^r Symson is removed out of y^s parish, M^r Johnson is ill in y^e gout, and all (I think) are in health at Wil. Myers's. M^r Haddon was in Furnes, and I left M^r Marsden and his 2 Sons on y^s side wⁿ I took my Journey. My Service and my Wife's, attends you & y^{rs} And expecting more particular Commands I rest S^r Y^r very humble serv^t T.B.

To M^r Marsden. id.

S^r. I writ no sooner lest my letter might not have found you returned safe to Walton, as I hope now it will. We had a very good Journey, and my business was quickly dispatch'd. I sent up M^m Preston's letter wth one from our Late B. by M^r Calla's [boy ?] to his Lord^{sh}, who ordered me to attend him after prayers, and yⁿ He told me He was so wel satisfied wth his predecessours Letter, y^t He made no doubt but I was qualified for y^s Cure, and gave orders immediately to his Secretary Mon^s. Coushé to despatch my business. I co'd not find M^r Prescott before I had been wth y^e Bis^p but wⁿ I saw him I told him my Message from You, & he said he wo'd excuse for you : sometime after in y^e Cathedral he call'd me aside, and told me M^{rs} Proddy had writ to my Lady Otway agst me, as if I had wrongfully received and Kept y^e surplice fees from her husband, and y^t y^t Lady wo'd zealously sollicite for her, and desired me not to let y^s come to y^e B^{ps} ear : I told him I was much surpris'd, to hear of such an unkind letter from M^{rs} Proddy w^m I had just left (as I thought) all Love and Kindness ; and y^t 'twas y^e custom of our Parish, y^t whoever perform'd y^e Offices, had y^s small dues. We concluded to meet at y^e Tavern in y^e evening, where I found M^r Chancellour, M^r Archdeacon, M^r Register, M^r Styth, &c : at my first Entrance M^r Chancellour & M^r Prescott fell on me first wth Argum^{ts} of Justice, and wⁿ I had inform'd y^m y^t there was no right, yⁿ Argum^{ts} of Compassion were urged : In short I told y^m M^r Proddy died a fortnight before one half yeares Sallery fell due, and y^t now I was collated to y^e Cure, it belonged to me, and it was my full design to have let M^{rs} Proddy have all or y^e greatest part of it, but since she used me thus basely, I wo'd do as became me. I acquainted M^m Preston wth y^s at my Return & she is angry wth M^{rs} Proddy : yet I shall despise her feeble Malice & do more y^r she deserves. Wth M^r Styth we crossed y^e Water to Liverpool where we lodged 3 nights yⁿ called at Walton, and were prevail'd wth to be further troublesome to y^t house : After dinner we rid to Septon, after one nights stay there we posted homew^{ds} and return'd in health and safety hither y^e 3^d instant, where we found all things well, and so y. remain save y^t M^r Johnson is ill of y^e Gout. Pardon, pardon y^s tedious Letter, and believe (not wth standing all y^s & other trouble) y^t I am in all sincerity S^r. Y^r very humble serv^t T.B. Our hearty Respects, Thanks and service

attend each particular of Y^r Family : and it will be great pleasure to us to hear you are all well.

To M^{rs} Matthew's at y^e 3 laced shoes in Forrest Street Chester.

id. June y^e 24^o. M^{rs} Mathews. This comes to return You, and y^r Husband hearty Thanks for y^r great civilities to us, wⁿ last at Chester, and to desire you to send y^e seal by y^e bearer if it be not gone, and 6 yards of Lace y^r sister promised to have ready agst y^e Fair ; & four Knots of Thread I spake to her about : The Lace is 13^s 9^d y^e Thread 1^s, w^{ch} y^e Bearer will give her. We drank y^r health since our return, and Bro. Ed. seems not unwilling his Daughter sho'd come again to Chester : but You will possibly Know more of that from himself. Wth mine and my Husbands Kind Regards I conclude Y^r Friend and Serv^t E.B.

To M^{rs} Jackson.

C. J. 22^d. Good M^{rs} Jackson, I take y^s Opportunity to let you Know y^t we came safe to y^s place on Thursday after we were wth You, and to thank You for all Civilities and Kindnesses. I co'd very willingly have made a longer stay at Sephton but our Affaires here wo'd not permit it. You will please to give hearty Thanks and service to Ric^d Rose's Family not forgetting y^r Bro^r and sister, and all other Friends y^t shall oblige us wth asking after us, and wⁿ You write to M^r Jackson, let him Know we remember him, and desire He will accept of our Service. This trouble is from Y^r very humble Obliged Serv^t T.B.

These 3 last were sent by Ric^d Taylor. The next I received y^e 22^d.

Conishead June 21st 1708. S^r. I desire you will give notice in y^r Church next Lords day, y^t I intend to preach at Flookburgh-Chappel upon S^t Peter's day being y^e next Friday but one, wherin You will oblige y^r affectionate Bro & humble Servant Arch^s Kippax.

On y^e 4^o of July y^s came to my hands.

Warrington y^e 25th 1708. S^r. Since my last it hath pleased God to take dear Cos. Shaw to himself. But Mother and Wife continue stil much indisposed, so y^t I have no prospect of a Convenient Opportunity, of coming into y^r part of the Country y^s Summer. M^r Wildman preacht 7 Sermons for three Guineas y^e year y^t my Weakness w^d not suffer me to come Over, & I w^d desire y^t 2 Sermons may be preact at Cartmel fells, because y^t is so remote from y^e parish Church : One at Staveley, and one at Flookburgh, One at Torver Chappel, one at Cunniston Chappel, and one at Kirkby Ireloth, and being 3 of my Brethren bestow y^{1r} pains y^s year amongst You, I wo'd hope y^s may please. But rather yⁿ I w^d be short in my proportion I will allow an other Guiney for two sermons in w^t Chappels You shall reckon most needfull. I begg Y^r pardon for all y^s Trouble, and desire y^t my Service may be made acceptable to all y^e worthy Family at Holker, to M^{rs} Brookbank, and y^e rest of my Friends in y^r parts, and

remain good S^r Y^r most obliged & most humble Serv^t Samuel Shaw.
By this I desire M^r More to deduct y^e 3 or 4 Guineas out of our next Sallary,
and y^s shall be his warrant. Y^{rs} S.S.

The next y^e 9^o by Tyrley.

Kendall y^e 7th July 1708. M^r Brockbanke. Herewith You'l receive two Licences and Bonds w^{ch} I send you according to y^r verball Order p Tho: Tirley, pray give me a line on Saturday by him or Rodle, to satisfy me they are come to y^r hand, and when You have Occasion give me a Line and You shall be furnished wth a fresh supply by S^r Y^r very humble serv^t Rob^t Hebbethwaite.

My Answer

M^r Heblethw^t. This is only to satisfy You y^t I have received 2 Licence with Bonds from You, and y^t I am Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

Next on Sunday morning in bed, y^e 11^o.

ro July 9 at night. S^r. I recd one of y^e inclosed papers just now w^{ch} gives You a large account of our Victory: And since God Almighty has so blessed us I think y^e Parish may afford public rejoycings, and if You'l please to order a merry peal or two to Morrow morning before y^e morning Service, y^e Parish will acknowledge it, & 'twil elevate y^m on y^s Occasion. I hope You'l excuse haste from S^r Y^{rs} heartily W. Knipe.

To M^r Bell.*

S^r. M^r Shaw y^e Q's Preacher has obliged me to get some Sermons preach'd for him this Summer, and among other places he mentions Torver and Coniston, w^{ch} I presume are somewhere not very far from You: This gō is to desire y^r assistance, either to preach at those 2 places 2 *afternoons* at y^r convenience, or to inform me how I might best get y^m Supplied. I can allow 8 or 9^s p Sermon w^{ch} I wish You wo'd please to earn, or if You be unwilling to undertake y^t Trouble, to engage y^r Scholm^r to do me y^t Service, if You think him fit. If I can prevail wth either of you I begg to Know how far these places ly from y^r Town, and how far distant one from y^e other; and pray S^r oblige wth two lines of Answer by y^s bearer. Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

M^r Bell's answer

Hawksh^d July y^e 19th 1708. S^r. I thank you for y^r L^r and do willingly embrace y^r Proposal, For Coniston 'tis but ab^t 3 miles from me, and Torver ab^t 5 miles. I shall resolve in a few dayes when to give notice for one of y^m and after two Sundayes phaps 3 to y^e other, since You do not limit me, both I hope in due time, and shall h^rafter be willing to serve M^r Shaw in y^e like affair, if You please to befriend S^r Y^r Affec^t Bro & Serv^t Thom: Bell.

To Mr Lodge¹ at Dalton.

July 23. 1708. S^r. I am to get some sermons preach'd for M^r Shaw y^e Q. Preacher, in particular one at Kirby Ireleth Chappel, and being inform'd y^t Chappel is not far from You, I desire you'l please to preach there some afternoon, giving notice beforehand. I can allow You 9^s for y^r pains, w^{ch} if You'l accept of on y^s condition, and let me Know so much by this or other bearer, you will much oblige, S^r, Y^r affect^e Bro. & serv^t T.B.

His answer

S^r. I do intend (God willing) to preach at Kirkby Ireleth (according to y^r request) for M^r Shaw, and make bold to subscribe my self y^r most affectionate Bro: & obedient serv^t Willm Lodge Dalton July 24, 1708.

Aug. 3^d. M^r Hotblack, I design to preach at y^r Chappel on Sunday sennight in y^e afternoon y^t is y^e 15^o instant, and shall catechise if any Young persons will please yⁿ to be ready ; and hereof You may give notice next Sunday if You think fit. I am y^rs affectionately. T.B. My Service to y^r Wife &c.

The 5th This Came

Dalton Aug. 5. 1708. Rev^d S^r. According to y^r Request I preacht last Sunday at Ireleth Chappel, and have inclosed sent you y^e certificate in Order to give it to M^r Shaw when you see him, and if any thing lies in my power to serve you or him, I am both ready and willing, and make bold to subscribe my Self Y^r affectionate Bro: W^m Lodge.

The Certificate Ireleth August 1st 1708. We do hereby certify y^t M^r Lodge V^r of Dalton did preach the day aforesaid for M^r Shaw y^e Queens Minister as witness our hands, John Stephenson Curat de Ireleth, W^m Taylor Church Wardine.

To W^m Taylor at Liverpool

Aug. 10^o. W^m. We received 4 Bottles from John Carter, and thank You heartily for y^r Kindness in thinking of us, and shall take care to Send You Money for y^m wⁿ You'l please to let us Know y^e rate ; My Wife desires You to take a little more trouble on You, to procure her some Sack and white wine at y^r best convenience to be here any time before martin mass, she talks of 6 bottles 3 of each, and if cloth be at moderate rates at Dublin a Web of $\frac{3}{4}$ cloth about 9^d y^e yard. I begg You'll send us a bill of all and we will thankfully repay You. Please to give hearty service to y^r own good wife, and all other Friends, & accept y^e Same from ——— [illegible].

The next came to me from Dalton having mistaken its way, by reason of a dimme Direction.

Rugglesmire Aug. 2. 1708. Dear bro, & Sister. These are to let you understand y^t I was delivered of a Son y^e 11^o of June, and I am very well

¹ William Lodge was instituted to the Vicarage of Dalton in Furness, 4 Sept. 1707, and after his death was succeeded by John Walker, 23 June, 1756. (V.C.H.)

recovered and y^e child does very well : All our Family are in good health, I hope y^{rs} are y^e same. Robert is hired for a year, and hath 5^s a year, meat washing and lodging : He likes very well, his M^r & M^{rs} like him very well, & would have had him bound Apprentice ; I do not like of it, They keep a Wine Tavern. My Father was here 2 dayes after y^u went back, and told us how You had been over ; It troubled me very sore y^t You would not come so far out of y^r way to see us. I began on Tuesday and continued til Friday at 7 a clock at night. I desire y^u to let us Know how Thomas does, after his Ague, wth us many many do very badly after it, and whether he can fit you or no, let me Know how John likes school yet and how Cosin Mary does. Give my service to y^r good Father and Mother, M^r Johnson and wife, M^{rs} Parkers both M^m Knipe. When You write send by some body to Lancaster, to come by y^e Fishman : They made me pay a groat for y^e last Letter I had. Our service to You both, and our blessing to our Son & both y^r Children. My service to Sarah. I rest Y^r Sister Elling Chippindel. Ann Heskett came down for London, and is delivered of a black boy, she Sayes her husband is a black.

W^t followes I had y^e 15^o.

S^r. The reason of my long silence is because I never Knew how to give you directions to me, for we have been for going into the Country every week this two months but c^d not please our selves wth Lodgings till y^e last week. Sir I desire my humble Service to y^r Spouse, and y^e 2 dear barns. I wish I was so nigh You as to see You but once a week, it w^d be a gread [*sic*] satisfaction to me y^t am so desolate of all my Friends. My dear Aunt Wetherborn and her husband are very ill w^{ch} is a very great trouble to me and my Lady is married but I fear not to her satisfaction, thò it was all her own doing. I long to hear how You all do, and if my Cosin have got an other little one, y^t I may performe my promise. So dear Cousin a dieu, and I hope to hear from You, and I am y^r serv^t to command Ann Turnley. August 5. If You write soon You may direct to me at M^r Nevils at Flamstead end Chesten¹ in Hartford shire, if not as you used to direct.

To M^r Marsden.

17^o. S^r. At Midsummer I sent you a letter w^{ch} was left wth y^e smith by y^e ship, in w^{ch} I gave you an Account of our Proceedings at Ch[ester] I hope you received it, and shall g^o say nothing of those matters. This morning my Mother brought us 14 Q of Juniper berries, w^{ch} she Sayes are very good, and y^e more valuable because not very plentifull y^e year : as they are I have sent y^m part for y^r Self, & part for M^{rs} Richmond : She was desirous of some as her serv^t told me wⁿ I was at Walton : I remember not exactly y^e Quantity, but I begg you'l endeavor to please her, and if I have not sent enow, I may possibly procure more, upon y^r Intimation. Wth y^e Berries you'l give her my humble service, and also to y^e Parson M^{rs} Rigby & c & please to let every one of y^r own Family Know y^t I am as much y^{rs} as you may believe I am S^r Y^r very humble Serv^t T.B.

¹ *Sic* ; apparently Cheshunt is intended.

To Sister.¹

17^o. Sister, To excuse our not waiting on You, I may tell you we were tired wth our Journey, we had lingred away too much of our Time at Liverpool and other places, and w^d gladly have been at home again, and some necessity was on me to be here before y^e weekes End. We are glad of y^r Safe deliverance and good Recovery. y^t yⁿ are all well and y^t Robert likes at York. Y^r Son here is very well, and does us some service, & may live to do more. John is at Witherslack, and learns but wⁿ he lists, Mary runs about and prattles at a great rate, my wife grows round & has uneasy nights, and all y^r few Acquaintance I think are much as you left y^m. Last Sunday we had a Letter from Cousin Nanny, she tells us her Lady is married, her Aunt Wetherborn is very ill, and that she longs to hear from her Friends. Y^r last was so dirtied wth carringe, y^t y^e Direction was not Legible, and 'twas but a chance y^t it stumbled hither : it had been severall times open, and read w^{ch} perhaps helped it home. This wth Love & service to you all concludes at present from Y^r Loving Bro: T.B.

To M^r Crosby.*

Car. Aug. 20^o. 1708. S^r. The bearer desired me to give You y^e trouble of y^s w^m I was willing to oblige hoping y^r good Discourse and advice may be profitable to her. She is a poor, disconsolate, infirm Woman, and was sent to drink y^e waters, w^{ch} I believe have done her some good, and now is desirous to return home again to Whitehaven, and comes to y^r Town to meet y^e Carrier. You'l better learn from her own mouth yⁿ my pen w^t her condition is : I think her a great object of Charity, and as such recommend her to You begging pardon for this Trouble, and leave to assure You y^t I am S^r Y^r very humble ser^t T.B.

Jo Bowerdale had away y^s Woman, and wⁿ he return'd brought me y^e.

York August 18. 1708. Loving Unkle & Aunt. I desire You to pardon me for not writing to you since I left Cartmel, it is not for want of good will, but y^t I was sent from my Father to Cosin Chi^p who is head Goaler in y^e Castle. I was with him a little, and from him I went to one M^r Gray y^t lives wthin y^e City, & there I am hired for a Year, and like very well, have a very good M^r & M^{rs}, we are but 4 in y^e family my business is Drawer there, and I have 5^l a year meat washing and lodging. My M^r has a good Tavern, and we are not troubled wth any Idle persons, w^t comes is Gentry. We Keep no Lodgers only one bed for a Friend, and w^t we sell is Wines and Brandy and such like. I desire You to remember me to y^r Father & Mo^r at Witherslack, and my dear love to You both, and little John and my Brother and all neighbours at Cartmel. So I rest Y^r loving Kinsman to serve, Robert Chippindel. I should be glad to have a Line from You, and wⁿ You write you may direct for me at M^r Grayes in y^e Shambles York.

¹ Ellen Chippendale.

My wife had a Letter from M^{rs} Jackson from y^e Assizes, and I had w^t followes.

Sephton Aug. 17. 1708. S^r. I had writ sooner but y^t I waited to hear from John, but I hear no newes y^t I can think to be good. I have heard his M^r is come to London, but how he has disposed of his Men I cannot hear. I design to write to his M^r to give me account of him if he can. S^r You have Known me have some trouble before, but none equal wth y^s for I cannot be Easy til I hear from him. Poor Betty is lying in, and she has a Girl. She gives her service to y^u and M^{rs} Brookbank. This wth my humble Service to you and y^r Wife is all at present from y^r loving friend & serv^t M. W.¹ S^r If You pleas I shall be glad to hear y^t You and all y^{rs} are well. Nancy gives her service to y^u & M^{rs} B. and little John.

To Cosin Nanny by Abraham Robinson.

Cartmel Aug. 24. 1708. Cosin, The bearer our Servants bro^r being now wth us, and designing very shortly to see London put me on writing to thank You for Y^{rs} of y^e 5th and all other Civilities. My wife with her Service sends You word she growes bigg in y^e World, and expects to continue so doing til about Martinmas: Were you near us we w^d bind you to y^r promise, but being so far off we Know no ropes long Enough to reach You. Y^r Acquaintance M^{rs} Betty Male * has suffered her old spark Baron to be too free wth her, and has had a child, and is now fled into Ireland. We were at Sephton y^s Summer: I had business at Chester, and my Wife's business was to Keep me company. Cos. Rob^t y^t lived wth us is at a Tavern in York and will do well I hope. We had a letter from him 't'other day, and an other from his mother, who was delivered of an other Lad last June. I might scribe a great deal more but my candle is just out, g^o very hastily give you my Service and conclude y^{rs} T.B.

Sep. y^e 6^o y^s came to me.

S^r. The last Month viz. August I preached at Coniston one day, and an other day at Torver, and both had due notice, and upon whose Account. If I may be serviceable to any of y^e Qu.^s Preachers at any of those Chappels ab^t me, I'm willing to do it upon Y^r notice, not doubting y^r furtherance therein, w^{ch} shall very much oblige S^r Y^r humble serv^t Thom: Bell ² Hawksh^d Sept 6th 1708.

The 13 I had w^t followes by Rob^t Seattle.

Augst 1708. S^r. Y^r great present of Juniper berries I have most thankfully received, and shall deliver half of y^m to Madam Richmond. I am glad to hear of Y^r and Y^r Families good health by y^e lad y^t brings y^e berries. I had y^r other letter, w^{ch} required no answer. All y^e requitall I shall make for y^r Severall gifts is to tell You, y^t You have been and are very dear to me, and y^t I heartily pray for y^e happiness of y^r Self and good M^{rs}

¹ i.e. Margaret Wilson: see reply to her dated 27 Sept., *infra*.

² Vicar of Hawkshead, 1680-1713. (V.C.H.)

Brookbank wth Y^r sweet children. God be thanked we are in good health and give each of us our Service to You. Please to present my humble Service to Holker and Conishead. I am S^r Y^r affectionate & faithfull Serv^t Thomas Marden [*sic*]. My humble service I also give to y^r good Father and Mother. Before y^e Sealing of y^s I have waited on Madam Rich^d who spoke only for 6 quarts, she presents Thanks and service. I stay not y^e lad longer yⁿ to fill his belly.

To Rob^t Chippendel at M^r Gray's house in y^e Shambles York.

Sep. y^e 14. 1708. Rob^t. Y^r letter came Safe and was very acceptable to us, and y^e Man y^t brings You y^s will convey you another if you have time to write. We are glad you are in business and hope you'll take care to oblige every body, and to live honestly. You are now launched out into y^e World, in some measure left to Y^r Self, and gō in danger. You'll meet wth Temptations, but let Religion be y^r Armour, and God Y^r Guide & Protector, and you may be safe: My Mother was here last week, and remembers her very Kindly to You, and wisheth You well: she and my Father are now in indifferent health; but my F^r has been much indispos'd y^s last spring and Summer. John is wth y^m & we are just going to see how y. do. Bro. T. is well, and our Neighbours at Cartmel who were glad to hear from You. You may believe we are y^r Friends, and gō pray for y^r happiness, and wⁿ it lies in our power shall be ready to serve You. This concludes from Y^r affectionate Unkle T.B.

To M^{rs} Margaret Wilson at y^e Parsonage at Sephton.

Cartmel Sep. y^e 27. 08. Landlady. Y^{rs} I had from y^e Assizes, and thank You for't, but am sorry to hear of y^e trouble about y^r son: I hope er' y^s You have received Some good account of him, or if not You sho'd hope y^e best, 'til you have a certainty of y^e Contrary. You Know y^e seas are dangerous, and wⁿ People Send y^r Children to labour on y^m, they sho'd wholly resign y^m over to Providence, and resolve to be content how-ever it pleases God to deal wth y^m. He can protect y^m on y^e Water as well as on y^e Land, and He allwayes does w^t is best and fittest to be done; I thank both y^r daughters for remembring us and pray give our Love and service to y^m both, and from us wish Betty Joy of her little one. John is a lusty lad, and is wth his Grandfather at Witherslack, and y^e rest of us are well, only my wives condition makes her frequently uneasy; I beg you'll give our hearty respects to all our good friends, at y^r convenience, & be assured y^t I am Y^r affectionate Friend & Serv^t T.B.

To M^{rs} Jackson, id.

Good M^{rs} Jackson, My wife desires me to return You hearty Thanks for Y^{rs}, w^{ch} she had from y^e Assizes. W^t comes from Sephton, especially from y^r hands, is very acceptable to us both, and we are allwayes Glad to hear from our friends there. We are also glad That y^r Curate pleases y^e parish, and y^t Mary Rose has recovered her health again. We thank y^r Bro. & Sister for remembring us, and give our hearty Service to y^m both, as also to y^e rest of our Friends, especially R. Rose's Family. And if

You'l please, wⁿ You write to M^r Jackson, to present him wth our Service, we Shall take it as a favour. The Trouble of y^e inclosed I hope you'l take upon You, and continue to oblige Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

To M^r Shaw.

Cartmel Sep. 28. 1708. S^r. On receipt of y^{rs} of July 25^o. I writ to M^r Bell vicar of Hawkhead to preach at Coniston and Torver, and to M^r Lodge Vicar of Dalton to preach at Ireloth, and can assure You these 3 Chappels were supplied according to y^r Order, and I have also p^d y^e Preachers having lately received 3 Guineas on y^r Account from M^r More. In y^s Parish I have preach'd severall 7 sermons at y^e Chappels, but reckon only 4, on y^r Acc^t at Flookburgh, at Staveley, at Cartmel fel; & at Lindall, w^{ch} you mentioned not, but I thought as fit as any other: I design'd to have preach'd twice on y^r Account at Cartmel fel, but y^t day w^{ch} I had appointed M^r Swainson of Urswic preach'd there 2 Sermons, out of a Complement to a neighbouring Gentlewoman. I was willing to spare y^e 4th Guinea, thô heres occasion enough for sermons in y^s North: An other year perhaps you may think so many well employed, wⁿ y^r Conveniences permit You not to see us. And if my Service may be acceptable I offer it, being Y^r very humble Serv^t T.B.

The 4^o of October I had y^s.

Brother, We received y^r Letter w^{ch} gives us account y^t yⁿ are well, and y^t we should a been glad to see You in Yorkshire if time would alowed You. If I had Known of y^r being at Father Whittinghams I had come there on purpose to a seen You, as You returned homewards, but had no Knowledge of You being there, til at after. In y^r letter I find y^t Sister is of y^e coming hand, and if possible my wife hath a desire to Know how long She counts, in y^e mean time wishing her health, and wⁿ y^e time is safe deliverance. At present we are all well, but my wife hath had a Sore bout, much troubled wth pain and Swelling in her Limbs, but it hath left her. I had a letter from Robert, and he gives me account y^t he had sent one to You, but had not received any from You. I was at York and had good success in y^e business I went about, and he was for writing to You, but could not tell how he might direct to You, I told him to Kendale was y^e properest way as I might think, and I believe he did send y^t way, So I and my wife Joyn wth Love to You both, and our blessing to Tom. I rest y^r Brother to Serve Will^m Chippindell From Bashal Sep^r 27 day, 1708.

To Jennet Canny at Lindal.

Cartmel Octob. y^e 15^o. 1708. Jennet. Y^r Son Taylor sent me word by Rich^d Taylor to make use of w^t Liquors were on board his Bark, y^t I had a mind off: I therefore desire You to reserve for my wife (if so much can be spared) 4 Bot. of White W. & 3 of Brandy, and I will take Care to pay him or his Order. If You will take y^s Trouble upon You, it will much oblige Y^r Sincere Friend & serv^t T.B.

Jennys Canny [*sic*] being at town prevented y^e going of y^s.

My Answer to Bro.

Octob. y^e 7^o. 1708. Bro. Y^{rs} I had y^e 4th, and am glad of y^r good success at York but sorry Sister has such Illnesses returning upon her. Y^r son Rob^t writ to us by Kendale, and we have since sent him a Letter by a man y^t has business at York, and perhaps he may return an answer by y^e same hand. My wife counts 'til about y^e later End of next month, & is at present indifferent well; so is y^r Son and y^e rest of us. We all send you Love and service,—craving Blessing for y^r son, & sisters Godson, w^{ch} concludes from Y^r affectionate Bro. T.B.

The same day (viz^t 7^o) I had y^e following

Warrington Oct. 1st. 1708. S^r. I rec^d y^{rs} and thank You for it, and for y^e Care and labour in my Business, and co^d You be so particular as to give me an account, when You and y^r Brⁿ officiated for me, it wo^d be an additional favour, y^t so I might enter y^e dayes into my Book; where I set down y^e sermons preacht by my self. Humble service to my Brⁿ and M^r Moore, and let him Know y^t I rec^d his Letter, and have writ to M^r Lambert to deduct y^e 3 guineas in y^e next paym^t. My service and my Wifes wait upon Mad^m Preston, S^r T. Lowther, and all y^e good family at Holker, & upon all our other good Friends in y^r parts, and particularly M^{rs} Brookbank, and I am Good S^r Y^r much obliged, & most humble serv^t S. Shaw.

Upon y^s I writ to M^r Bell

Cartmel 8. 8. 1708. S^r. I thought I had done wth troubling you about preaching for M^r Shaw, but a letter from him puts me on writing again. He requires y^e particular dayes on w^{ch} we all preached for him, And if You'l please to let me Know y^e dayes in two words, It will (I hope) satisfy him, and oblige S^r Y^r very humble serv^t T.B.

M^r Bell's answer

Hawks^d Oct. 11^o. S^r. I preach'd at Coniston Church August y^e 15th and at Torver Church Aug. 22^d. and both had sufficient notice. S^r I rec^d a L^r from my son Myles That one M^r Barton a honest N^{br} at Croston desired me to enq^r whether Madam Preston be provided for a Maid Serv^t. He has a Daughter well qualified & very desirous to Serve so worthy a Gentlewoman. Not Else but service to y^r Self and M^{rs} Bro. I rest S^r Y^r very humble serv^t Thom Bell.

To M^r Shaw.

Cartmel Oct. 20. 1708. S^r. The enclosed will inform You of y^e dayes M^r Bel and M^r Lodge preached for You: and y^e dayes y^t I preached were as follows. Lindel Chappel July y^e 18th, Staveley July y^e 25th, Cartmel fel Aug. y^e 15. Flookburgh Sep. 12th. The Preachers had 9^s a Sermon, and y^e remaining 1^s 6^d I think might be accounted for If Messengers and letters were reckon'd. I am S^r Y^r very humble serv^t T.B.

To Robert Chippendel at Mr Graye's in y^e Shambles York. id.

Rob^t. Before Michaelmas I writ to You, in answer to Y^{rs} w^{ch} came safe to my hands, but I fear you received not mine. I therefore take y^e opportunity of y^s Messenger Will. Myers to tell You we are all glad to hear from You, and y^t You do well. He will acquaint You how we do, and (if you have time to write) will take care of a Letter. Your father writ to us last month, and sayes he had good Success at York; you may let us Know w^t it was; and whether you are bound or designe to continue wth Y^r M^r. You may be sure we shall be desirous to hear of y^r welldoing, and you need not doubt but God will bless you, if You be honest & Religious. We send you our Love & blessing, and one shilling to drink wth y^e Bearer, w^{ch} concludes from Y^r Unkle T.B.

His answer by Wil. Myers.

York Oct. 27. 1708. Loving Unkle and Aunt. This is to let You Know, y^t I received y^r letter, & is glad to hear y^t You are all in good health, as I am at present, praised be God for it; I had a letter before but had not time for to write a letter to You. We have drank y^r shilling w^{ch} you Sent by M^r Myers. You desired me to send You Word w^t a Syse [*sic*] my Father had at York. He told me y^t he had a good Sise, for he said it was a great deal better for me, but I was not at Castle, and I had not time for to go to see y^m. I desire You to remember me to y^r Father and Mother at Witherslack, and my dear love to you both, and little John, and my bro^r and all neighbours at Cartmel. So I rest y^r loving Kinsman to Serve Robert Chippendell.

The 2 following came to me on Sunday y^e 14^o

Trinity hall Camb. Oct. 7. 708. S^r. I had y^e favour of a letter from You, M^r Hall and now a third from M^r Cowperthwait all three acquainting me of y^e great hardships my Aunt is like to suffer for want of her allowance, w^{ch} shall immediately be Sent her, if you or M^r Cowperth^{te} will put me in a way how I may convey it to You or him. if you have any Gentlemans Son in this University y^t wants a return of like value, it shall be paid him at Sight, if not be pleased to find out some hand at London, and if M^r Coupthwait will draw a bill upon me, it shall be p^d to his order there; in short get a returne from any person—but M^r Bickesteth * of Liverpool, who I find will rather serve himself than his friend—Gentlemen I am obliged to You all for y^r Care & concern You are pleased to shew to a poor Relacōn & if it be in my power to serve You or any friend of y^{rs} here or Else where You may command y^r affect^t Servant J. Brookbank. hearty Service to my poor Aunt &c. I desire Some convenient Cloaths may be bought for my Aunts use, and put to y^e 5^l and do not forget to add y^e postage of y^s and all other letters y^t may pass betwixt us upon y^s Subject, and it will be a further obligation to S^r Y^r affect^t Namesake J.B. direct to D^r B. Fellow of Trinity Hall Cāmb. & let y^s be y^{rs} and my Aunts Style for y^e future — in haste —

Sefton Nov. y^e 3. 1708. S^r. I received y^r Let^r and I humbly thank You for remembring me and mine. S^r I have heard from poor John, but

I cannot acquaint You wth all his passages, but in short he has never wanted, for he tells me his M^r lets him want for nothing. He is going to Lisborn, and from thence to Viana, and yⁿ to London, and yⁿ he hopes to come and see us. Wil^m is wth his Lady in Ireland and is a good child, Bety and Nancy give their service to You and M^{rs} Brokbank and little John. S^r Poor John never forgets to remember you and Y^r wife, and y^t You may believe its true I have sent You John Last Lett^r. and wth it a small token to John to buy him some spice. Pray give my humble service to y^r Mo^r. Ed^d Darren and his wife give their Service to You both. S^r I suppose You have heard of y^e great family we have at Parsonage,¹ They have made y^e great Parlor into a Kitchin, and I live in y^e room over it. M^r H. R^d two Sons come to learn here, and his wife is lying in, she had very hard labour D^r Tarleton laid her in bed, and y^e child was stil born. S^r I sho'd be glad to hear from You, and let me Know how you like Nancy's writing. This wth my Kind love and service to You and y^r Wife, and all Y^{rs} is all at present from Y^r loving Friend Marg^t Wilson. S^r I am sure You will Smile wⁿ yⁿ read poor Jack's Letter.

Next Sunday y^e 21^o I had y^s bilow, and publish'd y^e contents, w^{ch} was Excommunication agst Eliz. Atkinson of Cowen bank for Contumacy—Fornication wth Marck Pepper.

Kendale y^e 20th of 9^r 1708. M^r Brookbank. My M^r desires you to order y^r Curate to publish y^s inclosed Excom to morrow, and afterwards to Certify y^e Publication under y^r hand, and to return it by y^e bearer. He gives his Service to You, as also doth S^r Y^r humble serv^t. Rob^t Heblethw^t.

To D^r Brookbank Fellow of Trinity Hall in Cambridge.

Cartmel Nov. 25^o. 1708. S^r. Y^r Kind Letter c^d not miss of hearty welcom here: it was very acceptable to me being much concern'd for y^e poor old woman, and I think it has cheer'd her Spirits more yⁿ if she had fallen heire to an Estate. On receipt of y^{rs} I walked to y^e Grange, to see her and found in bed at 2 a clock P.M. but she yⁿ w^d rise to shew her gratitude to me as if I had done some great thing for her. She is neat & clean and well attended I believe to her full satisfaction, but infirm especially in her feet and leggs, w^{ch} are very apt to swell, and seem to threaten a dropsy. She wants a Supply both of Linnen & woollen cloaths, w^{ch} we shall take care to provide her; we think 40^s little enough to buy w^t is needfull, and doubt not y^r willingness to add y^t summe to y^r former allowance, and return us 7^l for her use. If You'l please to order Y^r Friend to pay y^t summe (viz. 7^l) or (if You think y^t either too much or too little), w^t other summe you will to M^r George Ailworth a Grocer at y^e Sugar loaf in Wood-street London for y^e use of M^r Richard Taylor of This town, and get y^e said Ailworth's receipt conveyed to us we shall in all probability receive y^e

¹ Richard Richmond was Rector of Sefton at this time. The two sons of Henry Richmond were Silvester (b. 1700) and Jonathan (b. 1701). These were by his first wife, Bridget Blackburn, who d. in 1702. His second wife, whose confinement is here alluded to, was ——— Langley of Hipperholme, Yorks. (Fishwick's *Garstang*.)

Money herof at sight. In y^e mean time y^r Aunt may have w^t cloaths she will of y^e s^d Taylor, who is a very plain and fair dealing Man, as I have great reason to believe. I shall (if You desire it) give You an Account to ——— [*illegible*] how y^r Charity shall be disposed of, I hope to y^r satisfaction; Y^l pardon this tiresome Letter from S^r Y^r very humble serv^t Tho: Brookba

To M^{rs} Briggs at Swallowmire by Mary Robinson.

Cartmel Nov. 28. 1708. Good M^{rs} Briggs, Former Kindnesses embolden me to begg a new favour, w^{ch} yet I sho'd not have had Confidence to do but thrō my mothers Encouragm^t. It is y^t y^r Neece M^{rs} Alice may be a God-mother to a dau^r my wife was delivered of on tuesday¹ at night: I make my sute to You because I Know y^e Young Gentlewoman will do as You direct her. We design to Christen on Weddensday at prayers about 11 a clock; The other sponser are M^r Moor and a Relation of my Wife at London.² If this request may be granted, I have one more. i.[e.] y^t y^r neece w^d not Serve me to her cost, 'Tis more yⁿ Enough if she answer for y^e child. You'l please to let me Know by y^e bearer whether I may depend on y^r Neece; but whether You shall think fit herein to oblige me or not, I shall allwayes acknowledge y^r Favours, and (wth humble Service to you both) remain y^r much obliged Serv^t T.B.

Next day I received y^s answer.

S^r. I heartily wish You much Joy of y^r young daughter, and y^r wife good recovery. Pray let y^r Mo^r and wife Know my most humble Service waits upon y^m and you may assuredly expect my Neece on Wednesday by 10 a clock, and will allwayes be truly glad of any opportunity wherin either she or I can approve my Self to be, dear S^r Y^r most obliged friend and humble Serv^t S. Briggs Nov. y^e 29. 708.

On Sunday preceeding M^m Preston sent by M^{rs} Eskrick w^t follows.

No. y^e 27. S^r. I am much concern'd I have not been to see y^r good wife, but this Frost coming so hath prevented, me for I cannot come in y^e coach wth out hazzarding my horses, and a horseback I dare not come and am as fray^d to walk, but as soon as I can pass shall wait of her. I wish You both Joy of y^r little one, and I pray God Send her a good Recovery, wth my service to you both I am Y^r most humble Serv^t E. Preston. We have great and good newes w^{ch} I have sent You to read.

On Tuesday she (M^m Pr.) sent her maid wth 3 bottles of Claret and a plumb cake, and next day wth y^e children M^{rs} Braddyl &c came to y^e Christening of my Da^r Ann. M^r Moor, M^{rs} Archer & my Mother for Cos. An Turnley being y^e Gossips.

To M^{rs} Marg^t Wilson at y^e Parsonage house of Sephton:

Cartmel Dec. 2^d 708. Landlady. We were hearty Glad to see John's letter, and thank You both for it and y^r own, and like Nancy's writing so

¹ Anne, living 1728.

² Anne Turnley.

well y^t we desire you wo'd put her on writing again to us : Y^r Kindness to our boy we never doubted, but are sorry you sho'd put y^r Self to charge to shew it ; He is still at Witherslack, and is grown a bigg lad. Yesterday we Christen'd a 2^d daughter, and called her Ann ; my wife is well recovered for y^s time : she took her bed y^e 23^d of y^e last month, We shall be glad to hear who it is y^t Keeps so great a family at y^e Parsonage, and w^t it is M^r H. Ri^d 1 has done of late, for w^{ch} he is blamed by many : we hear a Noise of some weddings, but if You'l let us Know how y^e report goes wth you, it will oblige us. You'l please to divide our Service amongst our Friends especially to y^r own children and Relations, to M^r Moreton & his Sisters, To Richard Rose & his family to Edw^d Darren & his wife &c. and believe y^t I am Y^r affectionate Friend & Serv^t T.B.

To Aunt Turnley

Dec. 2^d 708. Dear Aunt, On y^e 23^d day of y^e last month my Wife was delivered of a daughter, and yesterday we baptized her, and call her Ann : she is a bigg child, and my wife had very hard labour, but I hope is now in a way of Recovery. She gives her duty to you both, and hopes y^s will find you in health, w^{ch} we shall be glad to Know from y^r pen, when you can spare so much time as to write to us. This wth Duty and service to Y^u both concludes y^e present Trouble from Y^r Nephew T.B.

To Bro Will. Chippindel

Dec. 2^d 708. Bro : The enclosed will let You Know how matters are wth us ; I desire You to Seal and send it to Sparth at y^r best convenience. One of our Neighbours had business at York about 6 weekes ago by w^m I writt to Rob^t and had an answer by y^e same hand : He tells us y^r Son is well, and gives content in his place, w^{ch} we were glad to hear ; I am writing a great many letters, w^{ch} causes me abruptly to conclude : I have but time to give you & Y^{rs} our Love & Service, and to assure You y^t I am Y^r affectionate Bro. T.B.

To Father Whittingham

Dec. 2^d. 1708. S^r. At Y^r leisure You may per use y^e enclosed & send Y^{rs} as directed to bro. Chippindel : Y^r dau^r began to be somew^t ill on Saturday night, but was not brought to bed till Tuesday about 7 a clock at night. She is now indifferent well, and so is y^e child and y^e rest of us. We sho'd *all* be glad to see You on this side of y^e Sands when y^s weather comes seasonable, and in y^e mean time to hear y^t You are well. We all send our Duty & Service to You & M^{or} & love to sisters and other Friends. I am Y^r dutifull Son & Serv^t T.B.

To Cos. Nanny at M^{rs} Jennisons in Dean Street near S^t Anns Church London.

Dec. 2^d. 1708. Dear Cousin, I writ to You some time ago, by a Young man y^t design'd for London, but it may be you have not received mine :

This I hope will reach You, and inform you y^t my Wife was delivered of a very bigg D^r y^e 23^d past, we christened her Yesterday, & called her Ann : I hope y^e Name will not displease You, nor w^d I have You be offended if we call You her Godm^r. Y^r former Letters gave us confidence to make y^s use of You, and my Mo^r Supplied y^r place at y^e Font. My Wife is wel recovered for y^e time, and sends You hearty Love and Service. If y^s offends You let us Know it, we shall be very glad to receive any thing from You, thô it be never so scolding and angry a Letter. But y^r goodness makes me hope for Pardon, and y^t You will oblige us as You have formerly done. It will be some satisfaction to us to Know y^t y^r Lady continues her Fav^r to You, and y^t She has alter'd her Condition for y^e good of both of You. John is a strong lad, and is now at Witherslack wth my Father : Mary is a little slender girle, but brisk and hearty, and y^e Young one promises to be healthy and of a good constitution. But I trespass, upon y^r Patience : unmarried Folks are not delighted wth w^t pleases parents ; I give you no further Trouble, but to assure You I am Y^r affectionate Kinsman & humble serv^t T.B.

To y^e Rev^d M^r Slater * at Killington.

Cartmel Dec. 20^o. 1708. S^r. One of my Charge but formerly Y^r^s being in doubt whether she was baptiz^d puts me in troubling you for satisfaction if You can give it me. Her Name is Marg^t Preston the daug^r of James Taylor a Quaker y^t lived in y^r neighbourhood ; Her Mother died in child bed, and She was Committed to y^e Care of an Aunt who was a Church woman. She is about 36 years old, born (she thinks) 2 or 3 years before you officiated at Killington. If You'l please to consult y^r Register, or such Persons as You shal think likely to inform You, and as speedily as y^r Convenience will allow transmit such information to me, It will be a very great fav^r to Y^r affect^d bro: T.B. If you'l oblige me wth an Answer, y^r^s may be left for me at widow Hartleys in Kendale.

To M^r Jackson * at Beethom

Dec. 24. 1708. S^r. You are desired to publish y^e banns of Marriage betwixt Ric^d Burrow of Witherslack & Alice Birket of y^e Parish of Cartmel, by S^r Y^r humble Serv^t T.B.

On Thursday y^e 23. I had w^t follows.

Bashal Dec. 21. 1708. Bro: We have received Y^r letter by my Father in Law and am glad to hear y^t Sister is safe brought to bed. The inclosed y^t was to go to my Aunt Turnley I went wth me y^t self, thinking to deliver it to her own hand, and wⁿ I got to Sparth she was dead about 2 houres before so I had not Fortune to see her alive. I gave it to my Unkle, and after did read it to him : He was glad to hear of her safe deliverance but w^d not have any talk further. I hope y^t Matters will go well on our Side in a short time. If I was certain of Money, I could come to a very good End wth Unkle, and I hope y^t You will be thought of. I have endeavoured to raise money, and if I do miss of it, I design to see you at Cartmel, for I have some encourag^t to come into y^t Country. We are all well at present

hoping these will find You y^e Same. So we Send Love and service to You both, and blessing to Godson and our own son. So I conclude, from Y^r brother to Serve Will^m Chippindel My Aunt Turnley is to be buried Munday being y^e 21 day of y^s Month.

To y^t 519 Vide.¹

Lond. December y^e 10. 1708. M^r Rich^d Taylor. S^r Pray pay D^r Jn^o Brookbank or his order seven pounds ten shillings, being for y^e Value of him received by y^e hands of M^r Tho. Mascall, & placed to y^e credit of y^r Acct. for my M^r Geo Aylworth Y^r Serv^t John Huxley £7: 10: 0.

Trinity Hall 10^{br} 14th 1708. S^r. Enclosed I have sent You a bil for seven pounds ten shillings. Wⁿ received I desire my Aunts board, and wth lnen or woollen cloaths My Aunt may have present occasion for may be bought and paid for, and if this supply I now Send should prove too short, I beg of M^{rs} Taylor to give her credit til y^e next day of payment, for I would have y^e 10^s to go towards a small collation wth my Aunt, wⁿ ever You and M^{rs} Taylor are pleased to do her y^e Favour of a Visit at y^e Grange, and let her feel no Want of any thing y^t is suitable to her Age and Circumstances, and let her Know from me (wth my service) y^t I heartily desire she may both live and die decently. I have 3 or 4 Masters of Coleges wth me wth obliges me to conclude this scribble, wth service to you both, and wth assurance of my Friendship and Thanks. I am Gentlemen Y^r obliged Servant to command J. Brookbank. I would have 10 shillings added to y^e present Allowance for my Aunts board, & y^e postage of y^s & a former letter deducted out of y^e 10 shillings and I promise to send you a second token in y^e next Bil. I — [a word missing here? beg] a letter of advice of y^e receipt of y^s &c at y^r Leisure.

On Tuesday y^e 11 I had next.

Ja. 6th. 1708. S^r. I have received your letter, and ha sent away y^e enclosed; we are glad y^t You are in good health, and y^t my Daughter is safely delivered. I wish You much joy and comfort of all y^r Children: prayed be God we are all in good health at y^e writing hereof. This is to acquaint You y^t I am in a very fair way to be quit of y^e Justice. John Stirzaker and his wife are in good health desiring Kindly to be remembered unto You both; we design God willing if he spare us health & life to see You y^e next Summer, So I rest y^r loving Tho: Whittingham.

On y^e 18^o this.

S^r. I designed to have come to Cartmel y^s week but my horses were bloused yesterday, and go wth my Neece Smith to Preston on Thursday. I thought my self to have begg^d y^r Assistance in getting Will Turner to begin to get stones but it will be too long to put off an other week, so I desire You will send for him and order him to get w^t he thinks will be needfull, and you'l please to agree wth him for I do not Understand how they are paid for getting or leading. I cannot think of my own horses

¹ See letter to Rev. Thos. Brookbank from J. Brookbank of Trinity Hall, dated 7 Oct. 1708, *supra*.

doing much, they have so full imployment at home. I have sent a little Ointm^t for y^r little daughters burn ; it is a very good thing, and w^t I use to our Children when they burn y^m selves. My Service to M^{rs} Brookbank and to y^r self. S^r I am Y^r obliged humble Servant E. Preston. Jan. y^e 18.

To Father Whittingham.

Cartmel Jan. 20. 1708. S^r. We are very glad y^t You are all well, and y^t You are in hopes to get quit of y^e Justice, & I now give You y^e Trouble of y^s to inform you we had y^{rs} and y^t now we are in good health. My wife has been troubled wth a sore nipple, but 'tis almost well. Bro. Will. tells me Aunt Turnley is dead, w^{ch} occasions y^e enclosed, and I desire You at y^r best convenience to Send it to Unkle. If You Know how matters are on y^t side pray please to let us hear. Give duty Love & service to Mo^r Sisters M^r Stirzack & his wife and all Friends, and You may be sure we shall be very glad to see you on y^s side of Sands. I am Y^r dutifull Son & Serv^t T.B. Service to M^r Waring.

To Unkle Turnley.

Cartmel Ja. 20. 1708. Dear Unkle, I perceive my last Letter was too late to find my Aunt alive, but Since our hopes are y^t she died well, we have no reason to lament for her, but rather for ourselves who are left to struggle wth y^e Miseries and dangers of Life : I am sorry for y^r loss but am perswaded you will bear it as a Christian ought, & were it in my power in any respect to make y^r life easy, I sho'd be glad of an opportunity. My Wife is pleased to fancy our way of living w^d not be disagreeable to You, but I can scarce perswade my self y^t you wo'd willingly leave y^r concerns to come to us : If you w^d you might be sure of as hearty welcome as you can wish : Were it but a short Visit we sho'd take it as a great Kindness, and study you sho'd have no just occasion to be Sorry for y^r Journey. Wth duty & service from us both I conclude Y^r obliged Kinsman & humble serv^t T.B.

To D^r John Brookbank Fellow of Trinity Hall Cambridge.

Cartmel Jan. 21. 1708. S^r. Since my Receipt of y^{rs} of December y^e 14. I have been severall times to see y^r Aunt, who has been disordered very much : Now she is somw^t better, and yesterday M^{rs} Taylor my Wife and I dined wth her, and drank y^r health in a bottle of wine. She is very carefully attended on, but growes more troublesome yⁿ formerly and is perswaded she cannot live much longer, and begs of You (wth hearty Thanks for all y^r past care and cost, wth her blessing & prayers) y^t you will please to order her a decent buriall. Geo Cowperthwaite and his wife Send you their service and Thanks for y^r good pay they receive, and so do y^e rest of us y^t have been sharers in y^r Kindness especially Y^r humble obliged Serv^t T.B. S^r Y^r Aunt had Cloaths out of M^r Taylors shop, and made before I had y^r letter, and M^r Taylor had also p^d most part of y^e money w^{ch} may thus be accounted for in Gross.

	£	s.	d.
Your Aunts board at 4 ^l 10 ^s p annū till Octob. 12. 1708 . . .	05	00	0
M ^r R. Taylors bill	00	07	3
Our Dinners, Wine Letters &c Brandy, Spices &c	00	10	0
Remaining in Geo. Cowperthwait's hands	00	07	3

In all 07 10 0

Nothing has been added for her board, but 5^l per an is Expected hereafter. If a more particular account of Disbursements and Receipts be required I can Easily procure y^m.

The following letter I had y^e beginning of Feb.

S^r. There is a dett of 200^l besides interest and a great deal of charges owing to me by M^r George Tolnson of Stakes dec^d, for w^{ch} I sued his son M^r Clement who died in York Goal, and because of y^t Suit M^r Clements Widow is so much displeased agst me y^t she reports I must be p^d y^e last of M^r Tolnsons creditors, thō she hath Enough to pay wⁿ she pleases. Old M^r Toulson made a will, and thereby I presume took care of y^e paym^t of his detts, and of y^s amongst y^e rest, and y^t D^r Fenton of Lancaster is one of y^e Supervisors of y^t will, & is chiefly concern'd in advising y^e widdow whom to pay and dispose of y^e Estate. And being informed y^t You have a great Intimacy wth y^e D^r may be a means in procuring my paym^t w^{ch} if You can effect I will freely give You 100^l thereof towards Y^r Wifes preferm^t, and y^t You wil take such convenient Opportunity wth y^e D^r as may influence him thrō Kindness to You to make a more Speedy paym^t of my dett yⁿ they have designed by their speeches, my Self being a very great Sufferer for want of paym^t of y^s Money. S^r w^t Endeavours You make or w^t pains You take about y^s matter shall be thankfully acknowledged, and y^e 100^l truly p^d You wⁿ y^e residue of y^e dett is p^d to him who Kindly desires to be remembered to you and y^r wife & remains Your very loving Unkle to Serve You Rich^d Turnley Sparth 24^o Jan. 1708.

This I had Feb. 10.

Sep¹ Jan y^e 16 1708. S^r. I had writ sooner but y^t I waited to have sent by one of my Lords servants. S^r. I am glad to hear of y^r Wifes Recovery, and all y^r health. The Curate here was married y^e 5th of y^s month at Preston to one M^{rs} Ann Cross, and M^{rs} Deans daughter of Melling has married M^r Smiths Son of Hall meal. Mary Fox has been here from Garstang, & I heard her tell M^{rs} Betty of Captain Banisters daughter y^t has married one Ditchfield and her Father has been almost distracted ever Since. M^r Latus's Landlord and Landlady from Garstang live here, and 8 Gentlemen's Sons table wth y^m 2 of M^r Richmonds of Walton, and 2 of M^r Henrys, & 1 of M^r Houghtons and some from Preston. I have had no letter from poor John since y^t I sent You, I have had 2 letters from Wil^m y^s Month, he is well. This day Katy Bushel is brought to bed of another son. Old Ric^d Higgison is dead, he went well to bed on Thursday night, & died y^e Sunday Following. S^r we shall be glad to hear from You. All

Neighbours here are well. This is all wth my Kind love and service to You and y^r Wife. Margaret Wilson. S^r pray give my humble service to y^r Wife and little John Ann Holme. Sister Betty gives her service to y^{ou} both.

To Rob^t Chippindel at M^r Graye's in y^e Shambles, York.

Cartmel Feb. 12. Rob^t. Y^{rs} of Octob. 27. was safely convey'd to me by y^e hand y^t brings you y^s and sho'd sooner have been answered, but y^t y^e carriage of Letters is troublesome from hence to York. Since yⁿ my wife has born an other daughter w^{ch} we call Ann, who, with y^e rest of us, is well. Y^r old Friend James Barrow wiffe Jenny is dead, and so is Aunt Turnley, as y^r Father writes. Christ^r Bery and M^{rs} Armstrong are asked in y^e Church, and we live in expectation of a Merry wedding. I might tell you a deal of such Newes, but you'l begin to forget Cartmel, and it w^d not be gratefull. We are desirous to Know whether You design to continue in y^e employ You now follow, and to have a line from you wⁿ You have good Opportunity. Give our service to y^r M^r & M^{rs} w^{ch} concludes from Y^r loving Unkle T.B. My Mo^r & little John remember You.

Feb. y^e 20^o I had y^e next.

Dear Cousin, All y^e satisfaction I have is to hear from my relations, and y^t our Family does encrease, and am mighty Glad my dear Cousin is in so hopefull a way of Recovery. I am mighty glad You have given me y^e honour of being y^e Childs God-mother, and wish I co'd see You all and it, I do not forget dear John thò absent. Pray S^r my service to y^r Mother, and many Thanks for supplying my place. I long to see all my Relations again, for I have had a very melancholy Winter in y^e Country, but am expecting to be sent for to London every day, for all our Family but M^{rs} and me is gone-a fortnight ago, and I long to follow. Pray S^r my service to my Cousin Chippindel, when you write, and my Service to y^r spouse, and tell her she is very Idle, when you write never to put one line to one who loves her so dearly, but must conclude my Service to y^r Self, I am S^r Y^{rs} to command Ann Turnley. Feb. 1 day.

My Answer

Cartmel y^e 3^d of March 1708. Dear Cousin, We were very uneasy to hear from you, fearing some disaster had befallen you, till y^{rs} of Feb. 1st gave us assurance of y^r life, and hopes of y^r health. I am glad you take y^t for an honour, w^{ch} another w^d have reckoned Trouble, and tell you y^r God daughter thrives, and wants nothing but a better pap yⁿ her Mothers. We begg y^r blessing for her, and are very desirous (if y^r Convenience wd allow it) to see you here. If you w^d have y^r Family Encrease, You Know a likely way to be instrumentall y^r self, but I am not such an admirer of a married state, as to give it y^e Preference to a Single one, y^t is such as it ought to be: If you live well, and contentedly, you can expect no better. You have heard (I suppose) y^t Aunt Turnley is dead, but 'tis newes to You y^t Unkle has fobb'd me off hitherto wth a promise of money wⁿ Bro: Chip. & he agree. and now they are like to come to an End I am put of to M^r

Tolson's Executors, who I believe will not pay me. I have great reason to thank God I can live wth out him, otherwise my lot had been bad. My wife Sayes she'l add a few lines, w^{ch} may serve for a pretence to conclude abruptly Y^{rs} to command T.B.

To M^r H. Prescott R.D. in Chester.

C. March 3^d 1708. S^r. M^r Armstrong desired me about twelve yeares ago wⁿ I came for Orders to Chester, to Enquire of You for a will of one John Brockbank of Church Steel in Cartmel, w^{ch} I did, & upon search You found it; I desire you to search for it again, and let y^r clark Send me such a copy of it as may be of Use in Law, and I promise to see you paid. We have several copies, but except we have one from under y^r hand we cannot act as we w^d in Recovering Some lands given thereby to pious uses. The will bears date June y^e 8th 1663, and was proved here at a Visitation (I suppose) soon after. Pray, S^r take y^s trouble upon you, and (if You think it fit) Send y^e Copy to me by y^e Post, as soon as y^r convenience will allow: This will be a great addition to other Favours, and will very much oblige S^r Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

To y^e very Reverend James Fenton D.D. at his house in Lancaster.

C. 3. S^r. This torn letter came to me some time y^e last month, w^{ch} if You'l please to peruse you may Know y^e reason of y^e present Trouble. This Turnley is my Wife's Unkle and promised me at marriage 150^l wth her. but since y^t time He married a rigid Presbyterian who made a convert of him, turnd him and overturned him. He was reckoned an honest Church Man, thought to be worth 14 or 16 hundred pound, and his Word was esteemed as good as bond; W^t he is now I Know not, but have hitherto found no performance of promise to me. But I will make no further complaint: My humble Request to You is y^t You w^d please to let me Know whether I may have any grounds to hope y^t y^e 200^l w^d be p^d wth out trouble, or whether I had best return my Unkle answer y^t my Endeavours w^d be vain. I earnestly beg Pardon for y^s great trouble, and two lines at y^r best convenience, wth y^s ragged letter, w^{ch} (for ought I Know) will be all I shall have for ——— [illegible] wth humble service to Mad^m Fenton & y^r self I conclude, S^r y^r most humble serv^t T.B.

Lanc^r March 5th 1708. S^r. There shall be no opportunity happen wherein I shall be able to serve You, but You may be assured of me. The plain truth is this M^{rs} Toulson (who indeed is pleased wth my advice) cannot pay any more debts, she has not enough to pay interest. For y^e whole estate of M^{rs} Toulson is not clear 100^l per Aⁿ. Her mother has her 3^d out of it, and she should have 50^l per Aⁿ in jointure. M^r Turnley has acted wth y^t Severity, y^t he Knowes y^t he must be y^e last y^t will be paid, and therefore applies to You for his own sake, y^t You may prevail where his methods are ineffectual. He gave old M^r Toulson y^e same Encouragem^t to expect 200^l w^{ch} he has given You, 'tis his practice, and I think his turning Presbyterian will not improve his honesty: But y^s I think y^t if You by paying him 40^l could get a Sufficient assignment of his bond, You would make a very good bargain. For y^e debt must be p^d when y^e present Infant

(of about 7) comes to age. M^r Turnley has put us out of pocket above 100^l his Throwing M^r Toulson into Goal, and afterwards outlawing of him, and sitting an inquisition at Lanc^r are such things as will make us remember, whilst all other Creditors are quiet. I am S^r Y^r aff. Bro & humble Serv^t Ja: Fenton.

Next I had y^e 15th.

Kendall y^e 12th of March 1708. M^r Brookbank. My Master desires You^{le} return him y^e Licence bonds you have used since y^e last account, wth y^e fees by Henry Rowlandson y^e Bearer, and if You want a Supply upon a line you may have y^m sent You at any time by S^r Y^r humble Serv^t Rob^t Heblethwaite My Master gives his service to You.

My Answer.

March 18^o. 1708. M^r Hebblethwaite, Y^{rs} of y^e 12^o found me indisposed.: I thank God for mends and return You y^s in answer to Y^{rs}. I think I have *had* 3 Licences not yet accounted for ; Two of y^m are used, and y^e bonds wth y^e fees shall be return'd in a little time : tho I had much rather give You y^m my self, for yⁿ You w^d satisfy me about some briefes, (now recd and collected) and receive y^e money, and give me such Acquittance as y^e Law requires. I suppose M^r Combs is collector, I co'd wish him to send us his Briefs while they are in force, and not so many together : You Know we have but 2 months to read y^m in, and People's charity is soon cool'd. If we begg Every Sunday at last we shall get nothing. I have herewth Sent you Ja: Cowhird's absolution & y^e shedule of Pennance ; I want to Know whether *Eliz: Atkinson* M^{rs} Michaelsons serv^t has done her Pennance, and if she has pray send us her absolution. Several Persons belonging to y^s parish have been married out of it, & y. refuse to pay me y^e marriage fees : I begg of you to let me Know whether I can compel y^m and if I can w^t method I am to take. I want to be informed about y^s Case. A Young Man makes his addresses to a serv^t y^t had lived in y^e parish severall yeares : On Tuesday in y^e last assize week, y^e Serv^t was dismissed, her wages p^d her, and went to Lancaster wth design (as was yⁿ supposed) to meet y^e Young Man, and to be married : on Saturday following y. return hither again being married at Lanc^r by Licence, & refuse to pay me, bec. y^e woman had staid some few nights at Lanc^r. Perhaps M^r Register may be partly concerned in y^s : and go if You think fit you may acquaint him herewth. Wth my humble service, and at y^r best convenience oblige me wth y^r Thoughts of it. All y^s Trouble is put on You by Y^r humble serv^t T.B.

To Unkle Turnley.

March y^e 18. 1708. Dear Unkle, Y^{rs} of January y^e 24th came to me in due time, & since my receipt of it I have writ to D^r Fenton, who very plainly tells me y^t M^{rs} Toulson cannot pay any more debts, and y^t she has not Enough to pay interest, Y^t y^r Money will not be pd. before y^e heir comes to age, and wth all complains very much of y^r severity in throwing M^r Toulson into goal, yⁿ outlawing of him, and yⁿ sitting an Inquisition at Lancaster, and y^e great Costs you have put him to : But I have nothing

to do wth these Matters ; If Y^r Methods have been too violent, y^e fault (I will believe) was y^r Advisors, and give me leave to think you have been too much guided by y^m in more things yⁿ this. As to w^t concerns my self I desire You w^d remember w^t you promised me at Harrad¹ : You cannot sure have forgot how father Whittingham and I waited on You there, and y^t you very freely promised to give me 150^l wth his daughter at marriage. Y^r Character of being an honest Man, w^d not let me question y^r Integrity : Wⁿ You had said y^e Word I doubted not y^e performance, and in confidence of somew^t to begin y^e World with I married y^r Neece, but yⁿ I found my self mistaken : Instead of present money, I had my brother in Law's estate offered on Conditions to pay as much as a great share of it w^d amount to in Sale, and sue for y^e rest. I did not absolutely refuse y^s if a good and just Title w^d be produced, but wⁿ I found it a business of difficulty and brother very stiff wth y^r advice I declined it, and was to be p^d wⁿ y^t affair was adjusted : Now y^t Business (I suppose) is at an End, and I am put off again. Instead of 150^l ready money due more yⁿ 5 years ago, I am to have 100^l wⁿ y^e residue of a desperate debt wth Interest & Costs is p^d. O good Unkle pardon me if I think y^s hard usage ; had I been a Prodigal, or a cheat, or an Unkind husband to y^r Neece, you had had a Pre-tence ; or if some disasterous accident had made you insolvent, I s^d have holden my peace, but wⁿ nothing of all y^s appears, w^t can one imagine but Evil Counsel co^d make you thus forget y^r Self. But after all, I still believe y^r Intentions are very honest and hope y^t great affection, w^{ch} You have so often expressed towards my Wife is not destroyed, w^{ch} makes me willingly hearken to any fair proposalls, and to Undertake any thing in my power for y^r Satisfaction and Ease. I refuse not even this (to me seeming desperate) debt, if You will please to give me Sufficient Assignm^t. wth M^r Toulsons bond, and security if it will not be p^d wⁿ y^e heir comes to yeares. Wth duty and hearty respects from my Self & wife, I conclude Y^r affectionate Nephew T.B.

On y^e 23^d y^s came to me.

Kendall March y^e 21st 1708. M^r Brookbank, Y^{rs} dated y^e 18 instant I rec^d wherein You complain y^t severall of y^r Inhabitants marrying out of y^e parish refuse to pay you y^r dues, in answer to w^{ch} if you send us y^e parties names we shall send a Citation to call y^m into y^e Consistory Court w^{ch} will be Kept at Kendall y^e 8th of April next, to shew cause why they wth hold y^m from You. I suppose it is y^e Custome in Y^r parish (as it is in most y^t ever I was acquainted wth) y^t y^e Parishioners do usually pay you y^{1r} marriage dues, not wthstanding y^e be married by y^e Minister of any other parish ; M^r Johnson and severall antient inhabitants wthin Y^r parish upon y^r Enquiry can (no doubt on't) give You full Information w^t has been done to y^r Predecessours in y^e like case, it is w^t as is so generally allowed of wth us, y^t it is seldom or never controverted, and much less to y^e Minister of y^e parish where y^e Woman lives. As to y^e Couple married at Lancaster, y^e Womans going there for two or 3 dayes gives her no settlem^t to debarr You of y^e marriage dues. pray give us an account of y^{1r} Names, or else we shall be equal Sufferers wth You y^t we may call for y^e Licence

¹ i.e. Great Harwood.

For w^{ch} is due to my M^r and p^d I presume into D^r Fenton's hand. You need not fear (if y^e Custom be such as is above recited) but y^t you may compel y^m to do you Justice, wherein You may depend upon all y^e assistance is in y^e power of M^r Com^{ry} or my M^r to give You — I shew'd my M^r Y^{rs} & he sayes y^e demand is warrantable enough and you may justify y^r proceeding if y^e Custom be but on y^r Side. He gives his service to You and desires You'l send y^e Licence bonds and Fees by Bodle upon Saturday next my coming to y^e town being uncertain. I must desire You likewise to return y^e Briefs you have already publish'd by y^e Said Carrier, & an Acquittance both for y^m and y^e Licences upon Receipt thereof shall be return'd you by S^r Y^r most humble serv^t Ro^t Heblethwaite. Tho: Mitchelson's serv^t has perform'd her penance, & y^e Absolution was sent to him 3 weekes since for you to publish. Wⁿ I come to Cartmel I shall sign any receipt in y^e Church Book, for y^e briefs I have received, but it is w^t not one in 20 of y^e Clergy do insist upon, where I give an acquittance under my own hand.

To my Mother.

24 Martii : Dear Mother, After you were gone I rec^d Letter from Rob^t Hebblethw^t M^r Lamberts Clerk, who sends for Money for Licences & Briefs, & because I have not enough of my own, I desire You to Lend me 50^s till I receive some from M^r More. Wth Duty to y^r Self & my Father & blessing to John (hoping you got safe home last night) I rest Y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B.

This came y^e 24th.

Sir. I send You a copy of y^t attested Copy of John Brockbank's will w^{ch} is left in y^e Registry. For y^e Original Will (all of charitable Contents) was deliver'd back, at y^e instance of y^e Executrix and Supervisors. The Search Copy and Stamps come to 10^s w^{ch} You may Keep in y^r hands, til I have y^e happiness to see You w^{ch} I hope will be on y^e 7th of July, For my L^d Bp has fixt his Visitation to be held wth You in y^e Church y^e day following vid^t Friday y^e 8th of July, And I may here wth some certainty take Occasion to inform You y^t his L^dsp has designed You to preach y^e Visitation Sermon. I am Good S^r Your most Faithfull Serv^t Hen: Prescott. Chest^r. March 21. 1708.

To M^r Heblethwait.

Cartmel. March. 25. 1709. M^r Heblethwait, I heartily thank You for Y^r Letter and Advise and herewth send You Money for 2 Licences and 5 Briefs read here, and 5 from M^r Law of Staveley, y^e 6th being out of date was not publish'd. M^r Law expects an acquittance, & if You please you may oblige me wth one also. The Couple married at Lancaster was Rob^t Harrison of y^s Town, and A. Wills serv^t to M^m Preston; He was formerly M^r Knipes Clerk; and seems very obstinate; as does also one Tho: Dickenson of Templand,¹ married at Witherslack, whose wife was born in

¹ A hamlet in the township of Lower Allertwhaite, in the parish of Cartmel.

y^s parish, and for 5 or 6 months before wedding lived in it, tho' for some time before she resided at Leverpool as a serv^t. in y^e Licence they are both s^d to be of y^s parish. Custom is on my Side for 5, a marriage, w^{ch} has been p^d to M^r Proddy & M^r Armstrong, and several wth out asking have p^d me since my coming hither: But I fear Some trouble in making y^s Evident to y^r Court, and find in my self an unwillingness to exasperate any of my Parishioners. I w^d not have matters carried too far, if y.^l not stir on y^r Citation I had rather pay for 't yⁿ have y^m excommunicate, and g^o wⁿ y^e citation is Sent let me Know y^e price. Rob^t Harrison is for removing shortly to Preston to live, w^{ch} makes me more willing he sho'd be made to answer April y^e 8th. The Bp is to be here July y^e 8th. if it be newes, you may acquaint y^r M^r wth it, to w^m pray give my humble service. I am Y^r Serv^t T.B.

Two licences	1—16—4
C. Briefes .	1—05—4½
S. Briefes .	0—05—9½
	3—07—6

Y^s y^e 30th.

Kendall March y^e 28th. 1709. M^r Brockbank. Inclosed You receive y^e Citation ag^t Robert Harrison & Tho: Dickonson, wth two English Tickets containing y^e purport of y^e s^d Citation, w^{ch} y^e person y^t serves it may deliver to y^m and shew y^m y^e Citation under Seal—You need not trouble George Garnet wth it, but employ any person y^t can write to serve it, who must (after Service) make a return under their hand in y^e foot of y^e Citation, y^t upon Such a day (viz^t y^e day of y^e Service) they served y^e Citation upon y^e parties therin mentioned, according to y^e tenour thereof, by delivering each of y^m an English Tickett, containing y^e purport thereof —It will not be proper for You to serve it, unless y^u intend to proceed ag^t y^m for if they should appear in order to contest it wth You, and not submit yⁿ if you desist, in y^e proceeding they will get costs agst You—So y^t You sh^d take a Resolution of marging [?] it to Sentence or not to begin—You need not doubt but if You prove y^e Custom (w^{ch} You may easily do) but y^t y^e Sentence will be in favour of You—You may if You please venture to Serve it phaps they may neglect to appear, or to Retain a Procter y^e first court day, viz^t at y^e Return of y^e Citation, & yⁿ they can get no costs agst You but will be decreed Excommunicate for their Non-appearance, but y^s is uncertain therefore shall leave it to y^r Consideration. The Charges of y^e Citation is 2^s 9^d—& y^e duty 1^s 1^d in all 3^s 9^d. My M^r gives his Service to you and Thanks for y^r Intimation as to my L^d Bp's coming. y^e rest is y^t I am wherein I may be serviceable Y^{rs} in all readiness Rob^t Heblethwaite. You may return y^e Citation to us any time before y^e Court day.

My answer.

C. Ap. 1st 1709. M^r Heblethwaite, I rec^d y^e citation and Tickets You sent me, and wth y^e bearer return You 3^s 9^d for y^m tho' I have not got 1^d only fair words & fine promises. Yet I am glad y. prove not obstinate,

and put me not to y^e trouble of prosecution. I thank You for y^r Care but send not y^e Citation believing 'tis of no use to you, since y^e parties concerned are not for y^e Law. I am Y^r obliged Serv^t T.B.

To D^r Fenton

Ca. Ap. 4. 1709. S^r. I heartily thank You for Y^{rs} of March y^e 5th w^{ch} was as satisfactory as I expected; and now give you y^e trouble of this in behalf of a poor woman of Colton, to w^m (I believe) Mad^m Eler Rawlinson by Will gave 40^s. She was wth me last week hoping M^r Wilson had p^d it into my hands, but he was not yⁿ Willing fearing a Mistake in y^e person: I am perswaded y^s is y^e person meant, and Suppose she is not altogether unknown to Mad^m Fenton,* bec. She once lived at Cark, and y^e enclosed Certificate confirms me very much, and may satisfy M^r Wilson, if he be at y^e Assizes, or at Natland¹ if You'l please to send it to him. I think he may wth out danger pay her y^e Money, and if he pleases to return it me I shall take care to get an Acquittance. I am S^r Y^r most humble obliged Serv^t T.B.

The 12^o y^s came

Richmond Apr. 1st 1709. S^r. My Lord B^{is}p requires me to give You notice in his Name y^t he has appointed and desires You to preach at his Visitation at Cartmel w^{ch} he intends upon Thursday or Friday, y^e 7th or 8th of July next, The Seasonableness of going over y^e sands afterw^{ds} makes some doubt yet as to w^{ch} of these dayes. Please to give me one line of y^e receipt of this directed for me to be left wth M^r Jos Lambert at Kendale, as I send this inclosed. I am S^r Y^r Serv^t Tho: Waite.

My Answer

Ap. y^e 12. S^r. On sight of y^{rs} I return this to satisfy You y^t I received it, and design to be in some readiness agst y^e Visitation. I had much rather have been an Auditor yⁿ a speaker, but his L^{ord}sps desire being to me a Command, I shall obey him to my power, and hope for pardon if I answer not to his Expectations. I am S^r Y^r most humble Serv^t T.B.

This y^e 13.

Sephton March y^e 13 1708. M^{rs} Brookbank, Having y^s opportunity to send to You by Edw^d Darwin, I make bold to acquaint You wth y^e affaires at Sephton. M^r Latus brought his wife y^e 7th of this month, she came very privately, for no body Knew, only his Landlord, and Landlady; They table wth y^m yet, but are for Keeping house towards May; They are for living in y^e little Kitchin, and y. ly in y^e room over it. My Mo^r writ to M^r Brookbank in January, and Sent it by one of L^d Molineux' servants: Mo^r has had her health very badly all winter, and is ill out of order yet; we have never heard from bro^r John, since y^t Letter Mo^r Sent You: she and Sister Betty remember y^m Kindly to You both. M^{rs} Brookbank, I

¹ A parish, etc., 2 miles S. of Kendal.

desire You will please to send me 2 or 3 Paterns of spriggs, of M^r B. drawing, M^{rs} Latus was so Kind, she profered Mot^r to teach me, and I have a mind to work me an apron, and those he drawed for y^r Cousin Turnley are much better y^a any I see in hers. Pray give my humble Service to M^r B. and I humbly thank You for all y^r Kindness to me ; This is all from Y^r humble Serv^t Ann Holme. M^{rs} B. my Mother has been so extream weak y^t I mist sending by Edw^d and she desires Y^r prayers : I believe it is grief y^t has brought my dear Mo^r into y^s weakness ; pray be pleased to let me hear from You as soon as You can.

April 15th 1709. M^r Brookbank, I hope You rec^d my last to give You notice to preach at y^e Visitation. This now comes to desire you to admonish y^r Churchwardens in my name very speedily to compleat those deficiencies w^{ch} were found upon my parochial Visitation, viz^t y^t all y^e Walls in y^r Church be well Whitened and sentences set up, and y^e Flags in Every part of y^e Church be mended and laid even, and y^t You and y. send me a certificate y^t all these things are all done at y^e next court at Ulverston viz^t the ——— [blank] day of May next otherwise I shall y^a be forst to prosecute y^e Church-Wardens for their great Neglect and Contempt. I am S^r Y^r humble Serv^t Tho: Waite. It will be a great shame if after so long a time everything be not put into extraordinary repair, & well beautified ag^t my L^d Bishops coming.

M^r Brookbank, The Monies w^{ch} my Cos. Wilson paid You w^{ch} is to be given to y^e poor, I desire y^t Y^u w^d remember poor John Simpson of Flook-burrough, who hath an old blind Woman to his mother w^{ch} is four score and eight, and likewise Rob^t Bell of Doughtown who hath a great charge of Children to Maintain, and in so doing Y^u will oblige y^r humble Serv^t to Com. Jane Fenton Lan. Ap^r. y^e 23. 1709.

At Witherslack y^e 28^o Ap. Bessy Rawlinson got me to write to M^r Wilson at Natland, to tell him I was perswaded she was y^e Woman M^{rs} El. Rawlinson gave 40^s to by Will &c. Next day I sent y^s to John Jackson's wife at James Barwicks.

Ap. 29. 1709. Good Wife, There is 5^s due to me for y^r Wedding, & 2^s 6^d to M^r Johnson : if You'l pay us before you leave Cartmel, it will spare us some trouble and you some charges. Y^r Sincere friend & Serv^t T.B.

For M^r Rob^t Chippindel at M^r Grayes Tavern in y^e Shambles. York.

May y^e 1st 1709. Robert. I writ to You in Feb. by Wil. Myers, but y^e Snow forced him back, and having no great business I w^d not send by y^e post, but deferred til y^s opportunity. I had another da^r born before Xmas which we call Ann, who, wth y^e rest of us is well. but John at Witherslack has been severely handled wth an Ague : I hope it has now left him. My Mo^r there Kindly remembers You, and wishes Y^r prosperity. James Barrows' wife Jenny is dead, and so is Sam. Dawson & others. Christopher Berry has mar^d old M^{rs} Armstrong, sold his house, and bought Patton Well. I mght add other such Newes, but You begin to forget Cartmel, and w^d not care for it. We are desirous to Know whether You design to continue

y^e Imploy You follow, and to have a Line wⁿ Y^r Convenience will permit, w^{ch} wth Service to y^r M^r & M^{rs} concludes from Y^r loving Unkle T.B. The bearer is M^r Lawson's Widow.

Cartmel May y^e 1st 1709. Nancy Holme.¹ Y^{rs} to my wife of march y^e 13^o made had haste hither, for it came to her but just before passion week, w^{ch} was a very busy time wth me : I c^d not then think of making spriggs, and now wⁿ I set about it I find my hand wants Exercise. Neither my wife nor I can remember w^t those were I drew for Cos. Turnley, but here are four reckoned fashionable in y^s country. I had y^r M^{rs} Letter of January, and am now sorry to hear she has had so ill a Winter, I hope e^r this her health is restored and y^t You have received some newes from John : If not hope y^e best ; God can protect on y^e sea as well as on y^e land, and y^e best way to be easy is to submit all to y^e Wise disposalls of Providence, we sho'd not Fret or torment our selves at any cross or Affliction y^t God suffers to befall us ; he has some great & wise End in every Dispensation, and our trouble generally springs from want of due consideration hereof. You'l please to give our hearty service & Thanks to her, as also to y^r other relations of my Acquaintance : To M^r Latus & his good Wife, to John Lucas and his ; To M^r Newton & his sisters, Ric^d Rose's Family, y^e 2 Rob^t Booths' & all Friends I am Y^{rs} affectionately T.B.

May y^e 2^d I had a note from Mad^m Preston to set y^e Limers to work in y^e Quire.

May y^e 12^o. 1709. Madam Preston ² On y^r Ladyships order I set some people to work on y^e Tops of y^e fallen Wood, and wⁿ two loads were brought home y^s morning y^e yeat was locked so y^t I can expect no more wthout trouble. I make bold to acquaint y^r Ladyship herewth y^t You may order some to take care about it if Y^r Ladyship think fit, or let y^r Farmers have it since y. pretend a right to it. Wth humble thanks for y^r Kindness in y^s and all other favours I conclude Y^r Ladyships most humble Obliged S^t.

To M^r Lodge at Dalton.

May y^e 16. 1709. S^r, The Bearer M^r Fenton having a desire to stand Candidate for Walney ³ chappel, easily prevailed wth me to recommend him to You and y^e Inhabitants of y^t Island : He has resided longer in y^s parish yⁿ I have, Reader & Scholm^r ——— [illegible] Chappel, and is certainly a sober, good natured Person, and doubtless Schollar enough to serve y^t Cure & to teach y^e neighbouring Children ; His Innocent Life and Conversation makes use [sic] unwilling to part wth him, But hopes of his good, and being Serviceable there, force my Pen to give You y^s Trouble, & to dispense wth my own loss. I only add y^t I am, S^r, Y^r very humble Serv^t T.B.

¹ " Holme " is apparently written as an afterthought.

² " Preston " is apparently written as an afterthought.

³ Walney Island lies to the West of Barrow-in-Furness.

Madam Prestons answer

May 12^o. S^r. I am sorry John Stott is so uncivil to lock y^e gate. pray send to him and desire him to let You have y^e Key & to lead y^e wood, w^{ch} if he denies I shall Know better w^t to do. M^r Moor is gone to Ulverston. I am in haste but I am Y^r good Wifes and Y^r humble Serv^t E.P.

Rob^t Chippindel' letter by M^{rs} Lawson.

May y^e 6th 1709. Loving Unkle and Aunt. I rec^d y^r letter and a pair of Stockings, I give Y^u many thanks for y^m, I am glad to hear You are in good health, and y^t John is so well again. I design to stay again an other year where I am. I have sent You half a dozen of Oranges w^{ch} I desire You w^d be so kind as to send Y^r Father and Mo^r three of y^m and remember me Kindly to y^m & I give y^m many thanks for me Since I was there, and pray remember me to John & bro T. and to all y^t ask after me. So no more at present but rest from y^r loving Kinsman to Serve Robert Chippindell.

To y^e Worshipfull Tho: Waite Esq. or his Surrogate, at M^r John Woodburns in Ulverston.

May. y^e 24^o 1709. S^r. I have frequently admonished y^e Churchwardens to take care about y^e deficiencies of y^e Church, and hope it will be in decent Order before y^e B^p visit us. Some thing is done, and y. are about whitening of it, but still plead money is hard to raise. I am S^r Y^r most humble Serv^t T.B.

S^r. I am desired by John Cowper one of Thomas Holme's men, who is dangerously sick to write to You, y^t You w^d be pleased to come down as shortly as You can to visit him, so I rest, S^r, Y^r Serv^t Geo. Bateman *
2^d June 1709.

This I had y^e same day & took horse immediately.

Natland May 29. 1709. S^r. Having y^e opportunity I desire y^t You'll be please to send me y^e discharge from Rob^t Thompson for y^e five pounds Legacie, as also y^e other 2 discharges from y^e Churchwardens and overseers, if You have got y^m or if You can procure y^m agst Saturday, to Send y^m by My Cosin Knipe, who I believe will be at Kendall y^t day, and You will very much oblige him who is Y^r humble serv^t Edw: Wilson.

To y^e right rev^d Father in God Wiliam Lord B^p of Chester.

June y^e 4^o. 1709. My Lord. The bearer M^r Fenton has read prayers and taught school at Lindel Chappel in y^s parish about 6 yeares, & is now desirous to be ordained Deacon: I presume y^t Employment requires orders, and will be a Sufficient Title, so y^t all I have to trouble y^r L^p wth is only his Character, w^{ch} I shall very briefly but truly give You. He is a Sober, good natured, and (I am perswaded) well designing man, of yeares enough, and some Experience, His parts and learning sufficient for a better place, th^o his modesty suffers him not to pretend to much. He reads well, and

might be usefull to baptize or visit upon occasion &c. The rest of his Character Y^r L^p may learn from y^s Testimonial he brings wth him w^{ch} I believe true in every part of it. My Lord, I have rec^d notice by y^r Lps order to preach at y^e Visitation : & I am glad of y^s Opportunity to shew my Obedience, otherwise I sho'd have coveted to be an Auditor, and Fear y^r Lp will be sorry for y^r choice wⁿ You shall hear my rough and unpolished discourse. I am (my L^a) Y^r Lorp^s most humble and obliged Servt T.B.

S^r. The Plumber came here y^s night and M^r Moor being gone from home, and uncertain when he will return, I begg y^e Favour of You to see w^t it is y^t he is to do, for he hath Allwayes his head so full of Liquor y^t I do not care to talk wth him, pray pardon y^s trouble and believe I am Y^r obliged humble servant E. Preston June y^e 24.

June y^e 19th 1709. S^r. My mother is departed y^s life being about 63 yeares of age, and hath been much infirmed and distempered above 20 yeares of it. I desire You to make a Sermon for her to morrow (he meant y^e 23) and I will please You, likewise I desire you and y^r M^{rs} to her burial. Y^r serv^t to comānd Tho: Hodgson.

To M^r Hopkins * in Lancaster.

July y^e 3rd. M^r Hopkins, I thought to have seen You y^s day, but being prevented Send y^s to desire You to procure me a bible of a good print of 5.6 or 7 shillings price : If you have such an One in y^r shop, y^e Bearer will take care of it, and by him I shall send Money ; If You have not pray get one from London as soon as You can, and oblige Y^r Serv^t T.B.

Good S^r. My Father bids me acq^t you, he hopes to be at Cartmel on Monday next, w^{ch} wth his respects to y^r Self and good wife is all at pres^t from him who is, S^r her & Y^r humble Serv^t R. Marsden ¹ Ulverston Jun. 30. 1709.

July y^e 3rd I had this.

Sephton June y^e 26. 1709. S^r. This with my humble Service to You and Y^r Family, S^r I thank You for y^e Spriggs You were pleased to Send me. I am affraid my last letter was chargeable to you, my mother checkt me when I told her how I had directed it. S^r I had writ sooner but y^t I waited for my dear Mothers recovery, she is much better but has stil a great weakness at her Stomach. We have heard y^t brother John is coming to Dublin, and is got wth his own Master again, he is as Kind to him as if he were his own son. M^r Latus has began house and Lukas is giving up, for he owes above 50^l here in y^e Neighbourhood, and they have all taken their children from him, and M^r Henry's ² two sons are wth M^r Latus, old M^{rs} Malle * is dead. My Mother & Sister give their service to you both, all Neighbours here are well. This is all from her, who is y^r humble Serv^t to command Ann Holm.

¹ A son of Rev. Thomas Marsden of Walton. See note *supra*.

² Henry Richmond.

S^r. I agreed yesternight with Will. Turner for 5 pence a yard, and he is to do it to y^r approbation, and w^t is necessary to be done is left to You (by her) who desires y^r assistance, y^t am y^r most obliged humble Servant E.P. Tuesday morning (i July y^e 12^o) 5 a Clock just going. My service to M^{rs} Brookbank.

Lancaster July 30. 1709. S^r. By Tho: Thwaites Y^r Wigg comes, I hope it will please You, for I have taken as much care as possible I cold, for he is a good Workman y^t made it, and makes for y^e best in our town. if You like but y^e fashion of it and y^e price, and I have barter as hard as I could, he sayes y^t he can take no less for it, for y^e hair is very fine. there was 4 ounces of Y^{rs} and he has put 10 ounces more to it, he sayes he will but desire y^r good word, & y^r custom as this proves, w^{ch} is servant Christ^r Barrow. some services.

July 30. 1709. S^r. I rec^d 4 ounces of hair from y^r friend, w^{ch} was very good, and I put 10 ounces to it, to make a full wigg w^{ch} I charge at 2^s p ounce, and 5^s for making. I desire You to comb it out, and see y^e shape of it, for it will be abused in y^e Carriage. I will oblige my self it will wear well, as I desire Y^r Custom at after ; so I rest y^r Serv^t to command unknown Rob^t Marshall.

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S^r. My Unkle Wil. Watson being much out of health, and desires y^r company to make prayers wth him is y^e desire of y^r friend and serv^t John Gaskarth August the 4^d 1709.

Aug. y^e 5th. 1709. Dear Son and daughter. After my Kind love remembered unto You hoping You are in health as we are at y^e writing hereof &c. this is to acquaint You y^t I have lately been in great trouble for Justice Longworth y^e Debt now amounts to 56^l part thereof I have allready p^d & for y^e rest I have given Security, and likewise for W^m Chippindel 52^l for w^{ch} I was forced to dispose of a part of my land. as for Justice Longworth has promised y^t I shall be no looser, if he lives 4 or 5 Yeares, as W^m Chippindel, he has promised wⁿ he disposes of his land I must be p^d all y^t is due to me. My bro^r Turnley is very much out of order being ill in his Limbs, not able to do any business, but W^m Chippindel doth it for him. John Sturzaker and his wife are in health desiring Kindly to be remembered unto You. So I rest y^r loving father Tho: Whittingham.

S^r You bearing y^e reputation of a very honest Gentleman religious and charitable, w^{ch} imboldens me humbly to presume to desire of You y^t You will please to be assisting to me as usually y^e Clergy wthin y^e Diocess of West Chester & Carlisle, I having proved unfortunate by Opression and other great wrongs, and losses, and is also much infirm, and distempered. S^r w^t You please to do for me I shall be most humbly Thankfull and report y^e same to my best benefactors and pray for You. S^r Y^r unfortunate obedient humble Serv^t John Duckett. Aug. 9. 1709. The Rev^d M^r Holme* of Lowther about 8 weekes ago was pleased to present me wth half a Crown: Y^r Neighbours M^r Barrow of y^e hil, M^r Fletcher of Broughton,

M^r Marshal of Ainsom, M^r Tho: Michaelson of Green bank has been Kind to me.

To M^r Prescott.

Aug. y^e 17^o 1709. S^r. I hope y^s will find You safe returned home and at leisure to oblige us wth a 2^d search in Y^r office. In y^r former You tell me y^e executrix and Supervisors of Jo: Brookbanks wil (proved here 1665) prevailed to have y^e Original delivered back w^{ch} (we presume) was not done, but upon good Security given to y^e Court: If such Security can be found a true copy thereof is earnestly desired, and on Intimation of w^t fees are due for search &c they shall be honestly p^d by Y^r very much obliged Serv^t T.B.

S^r. I have sent You a plaster for y^r stomach, w^{ch} I w^d advise You to put on at y^r going to bed, and wear it as long as it will stay on, and yⁿ to put on an other, and so renew it a quarter of a Year, or longer, allwayes remembring to grate on some Nutmegg wⁿ You first ly on a New plaster to Y^r breast. I hope You will find good by it, for y^r health is truly wished by S^r. Y^r most obliged Serv^t E. Preston My service to Y^r good wife.

Chest^r Sep. 8th 709. Good S^r. The original will devising Land &c was delivered back to y^e widow upon y^e Bond annext. I return You my hearty thanks for y^r Favours to me, wⁿ in y^r parts, and am, S^r Y^r faithfull Serv^t Hen. Prescott. You may please to pay for search & Copy to M^r Lambert for me 2^s 6^d. This bond was to y^e B^p of Chester for restoring y^e Original will of Jo: Brookbank w^{ch} his Widow had out of y^e Court on demand or wthin one month after warning left at her house or y^e Bondsmens: The Obligation was 500^l, y^e Bondsmen Currwen Rawlinson & Tho: Bruscough.

To Father Whittingham.

Cartmel Sep^r y^e 16. 09. S^r. I begg pardon for leaving Lancaster wth out taking leave of you, and Send y^s to let you Know we got safe over Sands, and found all well at home. I hope You had as safe a Return from Lancaster, and shall be glad at y^r best opportunity to hear how You all do. You'l please to give our duty Thanks love, & service to Mo^r Sisters M^r Waring, M^r Sturzaker, M^r Sallam their wives & all friends. I am y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B.

To Bro. Chippindel. id.

Bro. I return You thanks For my wife, and hereby inform You, y^t we returned hither y^e 9th and found all well, and since have received y^e bundle you Sent by y^e Fish-man. We came to Lancaster wth Father & Mo^r Whit. and sho'd be desirous to Know (if You can learn) whether their business was dispatched, Mo^r was out of y^e way wⁿ we left town & was wanted. Please to give our duty to Unkle, and if You find him inclinable to assign over M^r Toulsons bond to us, pray prevail wth him to do so, for me thinks I sho'd be to have somew^t from him were it but a bit of paper to look at some moulding plains.¹

¹ The point of this allusion lies in the fact that " Uncle Turnley " was or had been a Joiner.

To y^e Bishop.

My Lord, Y^r Lordships charge both public in our Church and more private at Holker, makes me very Cautious in setting my hand to Testimonials, w^{ch} yet I refuse not y^s Bearer (M^r Taylor * of Coulton) because I believe y^e Contents of his Test, are false, but only because I have not had y^t Intimacy and Converse wth him, w^{ch} might give me a full Knowledge of his Moralls; I never saw or Knew any evil in him; but by Such Information as has been given me, I think him qualified to be ordained Priest; I dare not impose more trouble upon y^r Lordsh^p, but humbly begg Y^r Lordshps Blessing, and am My Ld. Y^r Lps dutifull & much obliged serv^t T.B.

To D^r Jo: Brookbank fellow of Trinity hall Cambridge.

C. Octob. 19. 1709. S^r. I hope You had mine of Jan. 21st and was satisfied wth y^e account annext, and now send y^s to put You in mind of y^r old Aunt; She is very feeble, infirm, and frequently delirious, has not been able since Christmas to walk over y^e floor alone, and lives in daily expectation of Death. She has nothing but her blessing and thanks to send You for all y^r favours, and hopes You'l please to return 5^l for her board, w^{ch} was due y^e 12^o instant. She is carefully attended and w^d not have y^e good people she lives wth disappointed of their money, but desires it may be return'd y^e first opportunity. You may make use of M^r Geo: Ailworth at y^e Sugar loafe in Woodstreet London, as before, and on his Intimation of y^e receipt thereof to M^r R^d Taylor of y^s town y^e money will be p^d. I am S^r Y^r much obliged humble serv^t T.B.

Claughton 8^{ber} y^e 11th 1709. Daughter. After our love remembred to You & M^r Brookbanke, I give You many thanks for y^r care to send my daughter y^e bonnet, I have sent you y^e root of y^e holy Oak w^{ch} is far better yⁿ y^e seed of it, for as I am told y^e seed thereof will come up but single, and y^e root doth bring forth double. For y^e seed y^t you sho'd have had at Kirkland as yet is not ripe. John Sturzaker and his wife desire Kindly to be remembred to You, we are all in good health prayed be God. We desire to hear from You as soon as You can conveniently. So I rest Y^r loving father. Tho: Whittingham. Rob^t Curwen gives his service to You, his daughter Jennet is lately married.

To Father Whittingham.

Nov. 18. 1709. S^r. Y^e box and letter You sent us came safe hither in due time and we return You thanks for y^m and also y^e box again wth some Rosemary w^{ch} my wife thinks may be acceptable, as also a little July-flower seed to Humphrey's wife w^{ch} she desires you to give her. We are in moderate health, and hope y^s will find You all well, w^{ch} wth y^e trouble of y^e enclosed to be sent at y^r first Opportunity, and all due Respects to y^r family, M^r Waring, M^r Sturzaker and his wife & other friends, concludes from Y^r dutifull son & serv^t T.B.

To Bro: Will. id.

Bro. My wife rec^d y^{rs} and acquainted me wth y^e Contents of it, and we are sorry so much Money as You need cannot be got here. We have enquired and spoken to some persons w^m we thought likely, but either they had no money to spare, or not so much, or were unwilling to have it so far off: and y^e Truth is such Summs are not to be met wth here. I might sooner have given You y^s Intimation, but y^t I had writ to You a little before We rec^d Y^{rs}. and have no other Business to trouble You wth. Please to give our duty to Unkle wⁿ you see him, & love and service to y^r own Family, and wⁿ you have opportunity oblige us wth 2 lines, y^t we may Know how you do.

Fidler Law 10^{ber} y^e 6th 1709. S^r. I desire You y^t Y^a will be pleased to send me y^e Licence, wth y^e blank bond by this bearer. I have Seen my Friend since, and he desired me to get one; y^e bearer will give You a Guinea. I will take care y^t things be Lawfully acted. From y^r friend & Serv^t. Edmund Law.

My Answer. id.

M^r Law. I have received a Guinea from You and sent You a Licence and bond: Take care no ill use be made of y^m and to take y^e Fees due to me on y^s and other occasions, w^{ch} will oblige y^r Serv^t T.B.

I had w^t followes about y^e same time.

Received Nov^r y^e 14. 1709. of M^r Tho: Mascall by order of D^r Jno. Brookbank five pounds and is for y^e Acc^t of M^r Ri. Taylor of Cartmel I say rec^d for my M^r Geo Aylworth—p^r John Huxley. £05:—:—.

S^r. Enclosed I have sent You a Bil for five pounds y^e Summe You wrote for in y^r last, 'Tis owing to Mascall's forgetfulness & neglect y^t it comes no sooner to y^r hands, for I ordered him to pay it to M^r Aylworth sometime y^e last Month. I rec^d y^r acc^t and acknowledge my Self highly obliged to You & y^e rest of my Friends for y^r Charitable Offices You are pleas'd to do to a poor aged Relation. My hearty Service to her and accept y^e Same from dear S^r Y^r obliged Serv^t to command J. Brookbanke.

Y^e 13^o in bed I had y^s.

S^r. I desire Y^a to do me y^e Favour to take y^e inclosed bond Executed according to y^e tenure thereof, for I have given a License directed to You for y^e purpose, and send it to me wⁿ Executed, and You will oblige y^r real Friend & Serv^t. John Woodburn. 11 Dec. 1709.

My Answer.

C. D. 13. 1709. M^r Woodburn, I answer y^r request, and y^e speedy Return of y^e Enclosed, executed as You desire, may perswade Y^a y^t I am Y^r Serv^t T.B.

For M^r Rob^t Heblethw^t

Dec. 16. 1709. M^r Heblethw^t: The License y^t I have had so long is at length disposed of, and if You please to send 2 or 3 more by y^e bearer

John Bowerdale, I shall take all due care of y^m. My Service to y^r M^{rs} & y^r self concludes y^s from Y^r Serv^t T.B.

His answer

Kendal Dec. y^e 17. 1709. M^r Brookbanke. According to y^r Order I have sent You inclosed by Bodle y^e Carrier two Licē^s wth bonds wth wⁿ You have disposed of pray give an account accordingly & a further supply shall be Sent You by S^r Y^r humble serv^t Rob^t Hebblethw^t.

To M^r Hotblack.

M^r Hotblack, 'Tis pretended y^t Christmas is no fit time for y^e sac^t people either being abroad or taken up wth Visitants. I shall gō put it off till Sunday y^e 5th of Jan. and desire You in y^e mean Season to give notice thereof. I am Y^r affectionate Friend & Serv^t T.B.

Basshall Dec. 12. 1709. Bro. We received y^r Letter wth a Bundle about 5 weekes since, w^{ch} I return You thanks. I have sent You some moulding plains and some other odd things and if You have need of any other tooles y^t Unkle hath y. are at y^r Service, if You note y^m down w^a Y^u write. I have had severall bouts wth my Unkle as concerning y^e bond of M^r Toulson, I do believe y^t I can get You either y^e bond or 150^l secured, I will not fail to do You all y^e Kindness I can, We are near to conclude Matters and yⁿ if y^e old Man get Money to satisfy some concerns he will be better pleased to part wth Money for he will have considerable to dispose of. I desire to hear from You as soon as You can wth conveniency. We are all well at present hoping You are y^e Same wishing You health and a happy Christmas and Blessing to Tom. and my Wife Godson, So I rest Y^r B^r to Serve Wil^m Chippindel. My wife hath not yet light of a Backstone for Sister, but is in hopes of having one.

My Answer to him.

Dec. y^e 26. 1709. Bro. Y^{rs} of y^e 12 I had y^e 22^d, and bec. yⁿ desire to hear from us as speedily as possible, I omitted not y^s first opportunity to return You Thanks for y^e trouble You have taken wth Unkle about our concerns, particularly for y^e box and y^e Contents. I presume I have rec'd all You sent but people y^t are for setting up want many tooles: If Unkle be very free to part wth his working Instruments, Y^u w^d mightily oblige me wth an Ogee plane or 2 more, some Chissels, a fine saw, and any thing he can spare. But Y^u may believe 'twill be esteemed a much greater Kindness if You can prevail wth him for some Money. Pray give him our Thanks and Service and please to remember both Kindly to y^r Wife and Children, and tell her also to think of her promise of coming over wⁿ my Wife lies in, and pray forget not at y^r best leisure to let us have a line from You, & continue to oblige y^r loving Bro. T.B.

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APPENDIX

ADDITIONAL NOTES SUPPLIED BY MR. E. AXON.

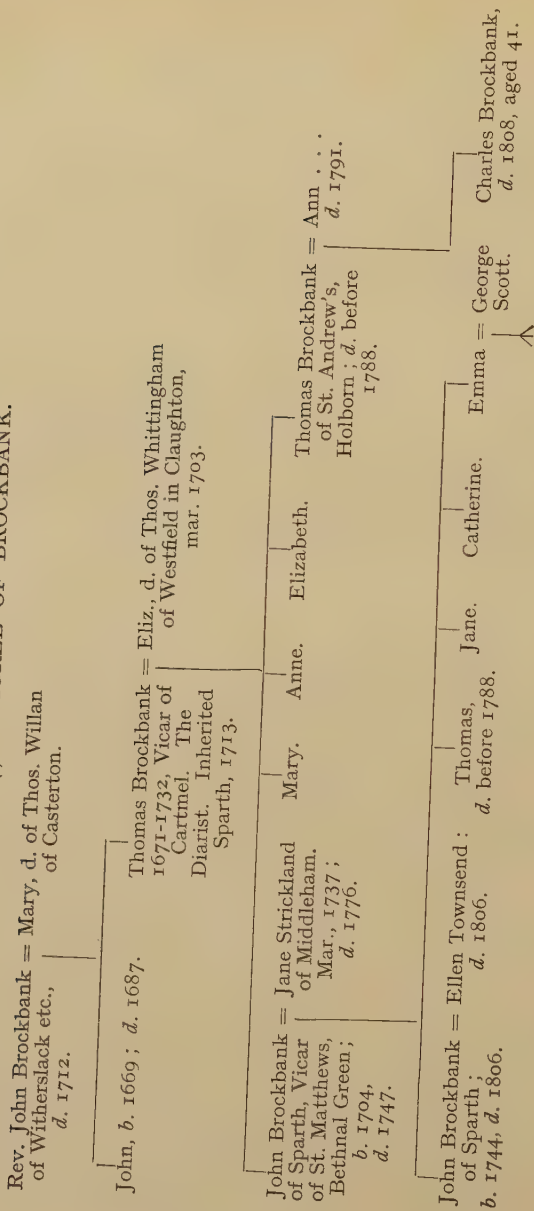
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- I Thomas Lodge was afterwards schoolmaster at Lancaster and Preston.
- 7 Thomas Ridley was vicar of Heversham, 1681-91.
- 29 Alexander Farington was master of Kendal Grammar School from 1681.
- 34 John Ormrod, vicar of Burton, 1664-91: bur. 18 April, 1691.
- 50 Probably Richard Foxcroft, B.A., rector of Hoole, and curate of Sefton.
- 59 Roger Kenyon, B.A., vicar of Orton, did not die until Feb. 1703-4. Brockbank learned later (p. 84) that he was still living.
- 70 Robert Bulfell, curate and schoolmaster from 1682.
- 78 Perhaps identical with the Thomas Jefferson (B.A., 1692), who was from 1705 to 1768 Incumbent of Cockermouth, and was nearly a centenarian at his death.
- 80 William Jackson, vicar of Beetham, 1683-1709: his wife was Dorothy Salkeld.
- 80 n. By Barborn is intended Thomas Barbon, vicar of Burton-in-Kendal, 1694-1722. He matric. T.C., Dublin, June, 1691, aged 18, and so was under Canonical age. (*Alumni Dublinienses*, Nightingale's *Ejected of 1662 in Cumb. & Westm.*, p. 996.)
- 98 *The Chances*, by Beaumont and Fletcher, probably in the Duke of Buckingham's version, published in 1682.
- 99 Probably John Archer, sometime of Queen's Coll., Oxford, later of St. John's Coll., Cambs., M.B., 1695. He was from Oxenholm, near Kendal.
- 110 This reference to Richard Swainson makes it clear that the Swainson referred to was the B.A. of Oxford, 1695, and not the B.A. of Cambridge, 1671-72, each of whom is identified with the vicar of Urswick in the respective *Alumni*.
- 110 A special reason for the appointment of King's Preachers was to preach the Doctrines of the Reformation in those parts of Lancashire where Roman Catholics were most numerous.
- 114 n. Henry Batty had previously been curate of Over Kellet, and master of Warton school, but was suspended for leading an evil life.
- 116 *Θρήνους* was a collection of sermons by D. Featly and others, 1640, and later.

- 119 Thomas Inman had previously been vicar of Urswick.
- 137 Thomas Robinson, M.A., was vicar of St. Michael's, 1669-1715.
- 140 Rowland Johnson, deacon, curate, schoolmaster, and Parish Clerk of Cartmel.
- 141 James Lowe, B.A. (Dublin), 1698, was son of John Lowe, vicar of Huyton, and succeeded his father in 1709.
- 149 Ja. Picthall was curate and schoolmaster of Lowick from 1681 to his death in 1709.
- 161 n. Will. Birchall had previously been a Non-Conformist minister at Ashton-in-Makerfield, and later became rector of Heswall, Cheshire.
- 161 n. Frankland removed his Academy to Hartbarrow in 1684, the year in which Taylor entered it.
- 178 Probably the John Shaw of Knowsley, clerk, whose estate was administered in 1699.
- 198 Mr. Corless is Timothy Corlace or Corles, B.A. (Cantab.), curate of Wood Plumpton, 1700-4.
- 202 n. Robert Pickering was also rector of Eccleston, being instituted 3 Jan. 1671-72 (*V.C.H.*). He signed the Registers as rector of Croston in 1695, was deprived the same year, but was later restored.
- 203 John Winter, vicar of Cockerham, 1695-1722.
- 206 William Kempe, presented to Windermere, 29 April, 1653, by Thomas Braithwaite, Esq., and Mary Philipson, widow. (*Nightingale's Ejected*, p. 1043.)
- 206 Mr. Wood is probably Thomas Wood, vicar of Brough, 1656.
- 206 William Wilson, rector of Windermere, presented 1657 by Thos. Braithwaite: again presented by the King, 3 Sept, 1660, by lapse. (*Nightingale's Ejected*, p. 1046.)
- 207 Parson W——, is probably the above-mentioned Will. Wilson.
- 208 Richard Harrison, vicar of Poulton-le-Fylde, 1674-1714.
- 211 Robert Ditchfield, vicar of Garstang, 1633-77.
- 217 Mr. White, is the Rev. Richard White, M.A., vicar of Whalley. He was educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and became vicar in 1693. He died in 1703. The Vicars of Whalley had the right of presentation to the various Chapelries in the Parish.
- 224 William Aspinwall, minister of Shireshead Chapel, then occupied by Presbyterian Non-Conformists. Grants from the Presbyterian Fund to Shireshead ceased in 1702. Aspinwall was one of the ministers ejected in 1662, when he was vicar of Mattersey, Co. Nottingham.
- 225 William Bushell, M.A., rector of Heysham, 1698-99 to 1735.
- 235 Sir W. : stands for Sir William Lowther.
- 252 Timothy Ellison had been curate of Coley, near Halifax.
- 262 John Waring, B.A., was curate and schoolmaster of Gt. Crosby, 1680-1711 (*V.C.H.*).
- 267 Roger Kenyon, vicar of Orton: buried there, 14 Feb., 1703-4.
- 280 Rev. Ralph Shirdley was curate of Maghull in Aughton Parish.
- 291 James Barrow, M.A. (Cambridge) was afterwards vicar of Much Marcle, co. Hereford.

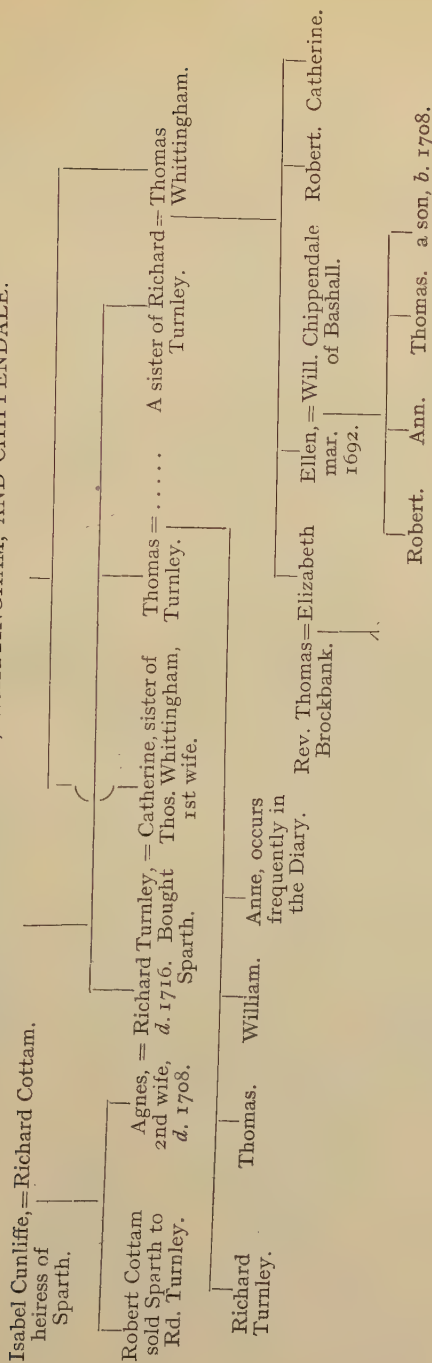
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 292 Rev. Miles Bell, B.A. (Cambridge), was curate of Croston, and was buried there 14 March, 1720-21.
 304 Thos. Fleetwood, M.A., was afterwards rector of Hayton.
 314 Dr. Ascue is Anthony Askew, M.D. of Kendal.
 342 George Benison was vicar of Beetham from about 1648 to 1664.
 342 Thomas Bigge was rector of Heversham 1638 to 1645, when he was sequestered: he was restored in 1660, and died in 1676-77.
 354 Samuel Shaw was rector of Warrington 1690-91 to 1718-19, and one of the King's Preachers in Lancashire from 1682.
 357 Thos Bell, M.A., was vicar of Hawkhead, 1680-1713.
 360 William Crosby, M.A., was vicar of Kendal, 1690-1733.
 361 Male is an alternative form of Maghull.
 365 William Bickersteth was a Liverpool merchant: his will was proved 1710.
 369 Will. Slater was curate of Killington, 1675-1724.
 369 Will. Jackson was vicar of Beetham, 1683-1709.
 379 Mrs. Fenton, second wife of Dr. Fenton, vicar of Lancaster, was Jane, dau. of Robert Rawlinson of Carke Hall.
 382 George Bateman occurs as curate of Flookborough in 1689 and 1715 (*V.C.H.*).
 383 Christopher Hopkins was bur. at Lancaster, 20 April, 1737.
 383 Malle is another alternative form of Maghull.
 384 Rev. Richard Holme, M.A., was rector of Lowther, 1694-1738.
 386 Mr. Taylor of Colton is the Rev. Thomas Taylor, curate of Colton from 1697 (or thereabouts) to 1726 (*V.C.H.*).

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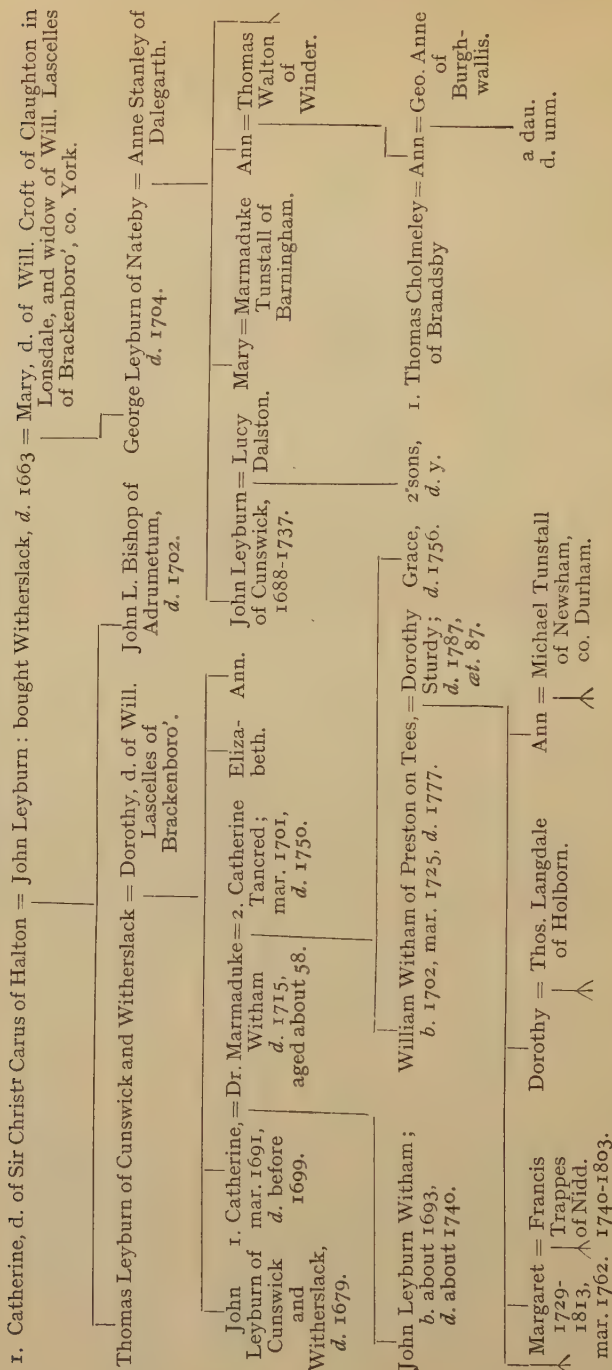
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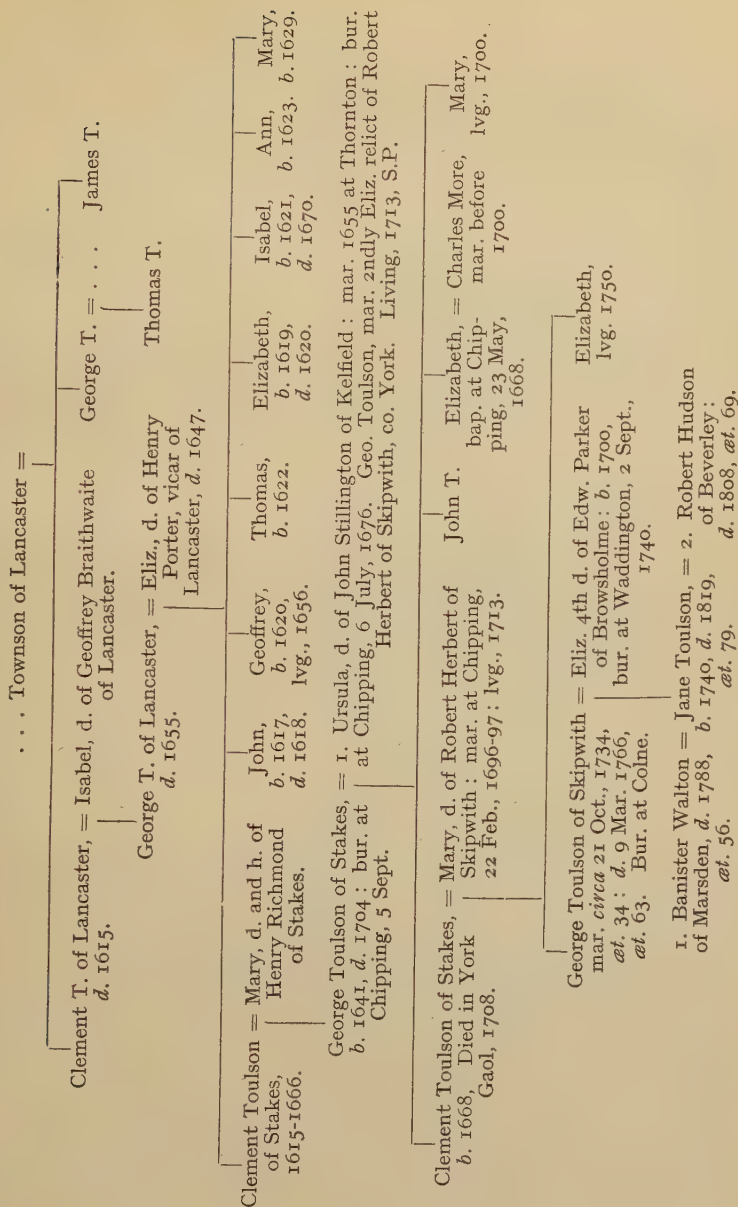
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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

(47th of the New Series)

Read at the Annual General Meeting held, by permission of the Feoffees, in the Audit Room of the Chetham Hospital, Manchester, on Monday, the 24th of June, 1929.

SINCE the last General Meeting of this Society on the 28th June, 1928, two volumes have been issued to Members—those for the years 1927-28 and 1928-29 ; and we are once more up-to-date with our publications.

The Volume for 1927-28 (87) comprises the first of the long series of Lancaster Palatine Plea Rolls, with an introduction dealing with the history of the Palatinate and its records in general. We have here an interesting survey of the state of the County Palatine at the beginning of the fifteenth century, a somewhat dark period in Lancashire history. This Volume, which contains a full abstract of the earliest Roll, will serve to call attention to this valuable series and to the Palatinate Records, of which they form an important part. Should subsequent Rolls be dealt with, it will probably suffice to treat them more or less in calendar form.

The second Volume that has just been issued to Members is Dr. H. J. Hewitt's *Medieval Cheshire*. In this work Dr. Hewitt deals with the economic and social history of Cheshire during the reigns of the three Edwards. He treats of conditions characteristic of Cheshire rather than of matters in which it resembled other counties ; such as the influence of Wales, the salt industry, the extensive use of marl and the turbulent nature of the people : and the long list of authorities that have been consulted in the compilation of this work indicates the amount of labour that has been brought to bear upon it. The result is an extremely valuable account of Cheshire during a century of its history. We feel sure that this Volume will be approved by the Society.

So far as future publications are concerned, there is a considerable amount of material awaiting the printer. For the coming year it is proposed to issue *The Letter Book and Autobiography of Thomas Brockbank, Vicar of Cartmel, 1671-1709*, edited by Major R. Trappes-Lomax. Thomas Brookbank was Curate of Garstang and Sefton before he was appointed to Cartmel, and his correspondence is full of interest. His career at Oxford, his journeys and tours on foot and on horseback, his love affairs and his adventures in search of a living give us an insight into Lancashire life and the condition of the Clergy at this period. Good progress has been made with the printing of this Volume, of which 208 pages are already in type.

The following items will be dealt with as funds permit :—

- (1) *Lancashire Deeds*, Vol. 1 (*Gawthorpe Charters*), to be edited by the President.
- (2) *Liber Loci Benedicti de Whalley*.
- (3) *Chetham Miscellanies*, New Series, Vol. 5, to include :—
 - (a) *The Ewood Deeds*, edited by Mr. T. Woodcock.
 - (b) *The Indictment of Abbot Paslew and the Monks of Cartmel*, by Canon J. E. W. Wallis.
 - (c) *Instructions to the Steward of the Honour of Clitheroe, issued by the Duke of Albemarle, 1662*, to be edited by Mr. W. Self Weeks, F.S.A.
 - (d) *The Hundred of Leyland*, by the Rev. T. C. Porteus.
 - (e) *A Clitheroe Roll of Amercements for the year 1497*.
- (4) Mr. ffarrington of Worden has offered a further important Volume of *ffarrington Papers*, compiled by the late Miss ffarrington.
- (5) *Salford Port Mote Rolls*, edited by Professor Tait.

The Council record with regret the death in June, 1928, of Professor H. W. C. Davis. There have been no resignations during the past year. Eight new Members have joined the Society, and the Cleveland Public Library, Ohio, U.S.A., is added to the list of subscribers. There are at present 71 Members and 111 Libraries on our list, an increase of nine on the year.

It is much to be wished that all who are interested in Lancashire and Cheshire history would exert themselves to increase the Membership. With greater numbers our output could be much augmented ; matter for publication is increasing apace, and much of it should be got into print without delay ; but the cost of printing still remains so high that we are seriously handicapped by our reduced Membership.

We desire to acknowledge the material assistance rendered by the Manchester University Press with whose co-operation Dr. Hewitt's *Medieval Cheshire* has just been issued. It may be thought that such Volumes hardly come within the strict category of *Historical and Literary Remains*, for the publication of which the Chetham Society was established ; but the historical value of such works is undeniable, and they entail wide research among records, for the most part unpublished. For the publication of original records we need an increased Membership, and the Council appeal once again to the Society for assistance towards this object.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR ITS EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR ENDED
28TH FEBRUARY, 1929.

INCOME.

To Balance from last year . . .	£409	8	5
„ Subscriptions received :—			
Year No. 83 1925-26	£1	0	0
„ 84 1926-27	1	0	0
„ 85 1927-28	7	0	0
„ 86 1928-29	147	0	0
„ 87 1929-30			
(in advance)	23	0	0
		179	0
„ Dividends and Interest :—			
5 per cent. War Loan	18	15	0
L.M. & S. Ry. Co.	2	8	0
Bank Interest	4	4	1
		25	7
„ Books Sold		3	10
	£617	5	6

EXPENDITURE.

By Purchase of £250 of 5 per cent. War Stock	£254	19	1
„ Printing and Binding of 250 copies of <i>Lancaster Plea Rolls</i>	126	6	3
„ Printing and Stationery	1	15	6
„ Postage and Carriage:— Volume 87	£6	11	8
Per Hon. Secretary	0	5	0
„ Treasurer	0	16	8
Bank	0	7	8
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„ Fire Insurance	0	4	0
„ Balance at Bank, 28th Feb- ruary, 1929	225	19	8
	£617	5	6

Number of Members on Register :—

Individual	.	.	.	.	67
Libraries	.	.	.	.	109
Free	.	.	.	.	2
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Assets.

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£150 L.M. & S. Rly.			
4 per cent. Pref.			
Stock (cost £120)	120	0	0
Balance at Bank	225	19	8
	£845	19	8

Increase on last year, £66 11s. 3d.

Examined and found correct, (Signed) JOSHUA BURY,
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28th March, 1929.

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